

1. Look at the map of Minsk region and find the town which celebrated «Harvest Festival- Dazhynki» in 2024 and which was founded in 1102:



Read the first paragraph of the text and choose the sentence what it is about:

- A. The History of Borisov: from fortress to town
- B. Borisov as a historical and picturesque town of Belarus
- C. Discovering Borisov: ancient town on the Berezina River

2. Read the text and match the pictures with the paragraphs:

### Borisov

A. \_\_\_ Borisov is one of the most ancient and wonderful towns in Belarus. It is situated in a very picturesque place. The landscape in this part of the Republic is exceptionally beautiful. There are rivers, lakes and forests full of different plants, berries and mushrooms. It has a rather long history in comparison with some other towns. Many years have passed since 1102, when the Grand Duke of Polotsk Boris Vseslavovich built a small wooden fortress on the left bank of the Berezina river, then an important trade route. The settlement got its name after its founder and this name has never been changed. That was “the beginning” of Borisov.

B. \_\_\_ At that time Borisov was not only a trade but military settlement as well. It had to resist the attacks of many foreign invaders and Borisov witnessed many wars. In 1812 the French army was destroyed not far from the town. There was a great battle near the village of Studyonka where Napoleon lost more than

30000 soldiers. There is The Victory Memorial in honour of the victory of the Russian troops over the French.

C. \_\_\_ Obviously there are a lot of sights related to the Great Patriotic War. In Revolution Avenue people can visit a monument to Lyusya Chalovskaya. She was a brave girl who often brought important information for partisans in the years of the Great Patriotic War.

D. \_\_\_ In Chapaev street there is a monument to the Victims of Fascism. The Eternal Flame is burning here day and night reminding the town people about those who were killed during the war in concentration camps. It orders us not to forget the sufferings of our people during the war. On a high bank of the Berezina river one can see a tank. It's a monument to the tank crew of Pavel Rack who was the first to rush into the town in 1944.

E. \_\_\_ The pride of our town is the Local Museum. It was founded in 1950 and it is situated on the very hill from which, according to the legend, Prince Boris observed the surroundings. There are six halls in the museum. Each of them is connected with a certain period of our history. The museum has a lot of exhibits, which tell the visitors about the past, present and even future of Borisov.

F. \_\_\_ Speaking about the most popular places of the town, we should mention about the stadium Borisov-Arena where the citizens of the town often go. They can watch football matches, different sport competitions and festivals. Borisov is a lovely place and you are hospitably welcomed here.





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**3. Match the words of the two columns to make up the word combinations used in the text and translate them into Russian.**

1. brave	A. settlement
2. military	B. flame
3. picturesque	C. information
4. eternal	D. competitions
5. Russian	E. place
6. wooden	F. girl
7. important	G. fortress
8. sport	H. troops

**4. Say if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE:**

1. Borisov is one of the most ancient and wonderful towns in Belarus.
2. Borisov is located in a very picturesque place with rivers, lakes, and forests.
3. The wooden fortress in Borisov was built in 1122 by the Grand Duke of Polotsk Boris Vseslavovich.

4. In 1812 the German army was destroyed not far from the town.
5. There is a monument to a brave girl partisan named Lyusya Chalovskaya in Chapaev street.
6. The Local Museum of Borisov was founded in 1950 and has seven halls.
7. People can watch football matches, different sport competitions and festivals at the stadium Borisov arena.

### 5. Complete the sentence

1. Borisov is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ towns in Belarus.
  - a) ancient
  - b) new
  - c) small
2. The town is situated in a very \_\_\_\_\_ place.
  - a) picturesque
  - b) dark
  - c) crowded
3. In 1102 the Grand Duke of Polotsk, Boris \_\_\_\_\_, built a small wooden fortress.
  - a) Ivanovich
  - b) Vseslavovich
  - c) Alexandrovich
4. The fortress was built on the left bank of the \_\_\_\_\_ river.
  - a) Dnieper
  - b) Berezina
  - c) Volga
5. In Revolution Avenue, you can visit a monument to a \_\_\_\_\_ girl Lyusya Chalovskaya.
  - a) brave
  - b) famous
  - c) kind
6. In Chapaev Street, there is a monument to the victims of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) fascism
  - b) the Cold War
  - c) the revolution
7. Borisov-Arena is a \_\_\_\_\_ where people watch football matches and sports competitions.
  - a) museum
  - b) stadium
  - c) park

### 6. Choose the best translation of the sentence.

1. It has a rather long history in comparison with some other towns.
  - a) Его история длиннее, чем у других городов.

b) Он имеет довольно долгую историю по сравнению с другими городами.

c) Нельзя сравнивать его историю с другими городами.

2. The settlement got its name after its founder and this name has never been changed.

a) Поселение получило свое название в честь своего основателя, и это название никогда не менялось.

b) Основатель дал поселению свое имя и никогда его не менял.

c) Поселение взяло имя у его основателя и не меняло его.

3. She was a brave girl who often brought important information for partisans in the years of the Great Patriotic War.

a) Она была храброй девушкой, которой партизаны часто давали важную информацию в годы Великой Отечественной войны.

b) Она была храброй девушкой, которая приносила важную информацию для партизан в годы Второй мировой войны.

c) Она была храброй девушкой, которая часто приносила важную информацию для партизан в годы Великой Отечественной войны.

4. The Eternal Flame is burning here day and night reminding the town people about those who were killed during the war in concentration camps.

a) Вечный Огонь горит днем и ночью, чтобы люди помнили тех, кто был убит в концлагерях во время войны.

b) Вечный Огонь горит здесь днем и ночью, напоминая горожанам о тех, кто был убит во время войны в концлагерях.

c) Вечный Огонь напоминает о тех, кто был убит в концлагерях во время войны днем и ночью.

5. Each of them is connected with a certain period of our history.

a) У каждого из них есть свой период истории.

b) Все они связаны с определенным периодом нашей истории.

c) Каждый из них связан с определенным периодом нашей истории.

## **7. Answer the questions.**

1. Where is Borisov situated?

2. The landscape in this part of the Republic is beautiful, isn't it?

3. Who built the wooden fortress in Borisov and when?

4. What important historical event took place in 1812 near Borisov?

5. Why is the Eternal Flame burning day and night?

6. How many halls are there in the Local Museum?

7. Where can the citizens watch football matches, sport competitions and festivals?

**8. Imagine that you are going to visit Borisov. What places of interest would you like to visit and why?**