

Kuzbass is my native land

Every man is really the architect of his own fortune because he can do so much to glorify his Motherland. It's necessary to be useful everywhere: at school, getting good and very good marks; taking part in different competitions, taking care of your dearest and nearest relatives, friends, teachers and what not!

As you know, Kemerovo region is one of the largest industrial regions and supports base for production development not only of Siberia, but also of the whole country. Kuzbass land possesses enormous and varied minerals and raw materials. Main wealth of the region is coal. The reserve and quality of Kuzbass coals make it the largest of all used coalfields

1. Reading comprehension.

Kuzbass lies in the basin of the Tom River between the Kuznetsky Alatau and Salair Mountains. The coalfield was first discovered in 1721. Mikhailo Volkov was the discoverer of coal in this region. Engineering and machinery production, metalworking are widespread in all major towns. The main coal mining centres are Anzhero - Sudzhensk, Kemerovo, Leninsk - Kuznetsky, Procopyevsk, Osinniki, Kiselyovsk.

Kuzbass lies in the most wonderful part of south - central Russia in Siberia. Siberia is famous for severe frosts and very hot summers. Kemerovo is a centre of Kuzbass. Kemerovo is the administrative centre of Kemerovo oblast (province). This town lies along the Tom River. In the 19th century it was a small village called Kemerovo. In 1918 it became a part of the village Shcheglovo to form the town of Shcheglovsk. In 1932 Shcheglovsk was renamed into Kemerovo. Nowadays Kemerovo is famous for its mines, chemical and machine -building plants, factories. There are about 10 Institutions of Higher Education: the Kemerovo State University, the Medical Academy, The Academy of Culture, Kuzbass Technical University, etc.

The most popular and interesting sight in Kuzbass is the national park «Tomskaya pisanitsa». One can see ancient houses and unique buildings there. This park is popular for its paintings and drawings of ancient people.

1. **Practise** the pronunciation of the following word combinations.

- 1)in the basin of
- 2)the Kuznetsky Alatau
- 3)Salair mountains
- 4)coalfield - месторождение
- 5)engineering
- 6)widespread
- 7)Siberia
- 8)severe frosts
- 9)administrative
- 10)Institutions of Higher Education
- 11)was renamed into

2. **Say: true or false.**

- 1) Kuzbass lies in the basin of the Ob River.
- 2) The coalfield was first discovered in 1721.
- 3) Michael Lomonosov was the discoverer of coal in this region.
- 4) The main coal - mining centres are: Polysaev,, Tyazhin and Topki.
- 5) Kuzbass lies in the most wonderful part of South-central Russia - in Siberia.
- 6) Siberia is famous for warm winters and cool summers.
- 7) Kuzbass is a part of Kemerovo oblast.
- 8) Kemerovo is the administrative centre of Kemerovo oblast (province).
- 9) In the 19th century Kemerovo was a big town named Shcheglovo.
- 10) In 1900 two villages: Kemerovo and Shcheglovo formed the town of Shcheglovsk.
- 11) In 1932 Kemerovo was renamed into Shchelovsk.
- 12) Kemerovo is famous for its mines, factories and plants.
- 13) There are 6 Institutions of Higher Education in Kemerovo.
- 14) The most popular and interesting sight in Kuzbass is the national park "Tomskaya pisanitsa".

4. Choose the correct variant

<ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Kuzbass2) The coal field3) Mikhailo Volkov4) Engineering and machinery production, metalworking.5) Anzhero-Sudzhensk, Kemerovo, Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Osinniki, Kiselyovsk.6) Kemerovo7) In 1918.8) In 1932.9) Kemerovo is famous for10) Tomskaya Pisanitsa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) is the administrative centre of Kemerovo oblast.b) Shcheglovsk was renamed into Kemerovo.c) are the main coalmining centres.d) mines, chemical and machine-building plants.e) was the discoverer of coal in this region.f) are widespread in all major towns.g) Kemerovo became a part of the village called Shcheglovo to form the town of Shcheglovsk.h) is the most popular and interesting sight in Kuzbass.i) was first discovered in 1721.j) lies in the basin of the Tom River between the Kuznetsky Alatau and Salair mountains.
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Kuzbass is the largest coal exporter. About 14 million tons were supplied on international coal market. We are proud that it is more than 33% of total Russian coal export. The Governor's words "Our labour to glory of Kuzbass! Our warmth to everybody!" have already become true! That is why Kuzbass is proud of the fact that it is not only a real coal capital, but the place where the World bandy championship of 2007 could take place and be a success!