

Alexander Nevsky's Museum.

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Данный дидактический материал нацелен на развитие читательской грамотности и может быть рекомендован для учащихся 10-11 классов, как общеобразовательных учреждений, так и школ с углубленным изучением английского языка. Дотекстовые задания направлены на моделирование фоновых знаний, на устранение смысловых и языковых трудностей. В текстовых заданиях учащимся предлагается решить определенные познавательные-коммуникативные задачи в процессе чтения. Послетекстовый этап работы нацелен на то, чтобы обучающийся выразил свое отношение к прочитанному, с применением продуктивно-творческих упражнений.

Pre-reading (Дотекстовый этап)

1. Study the advertisement.

Welcome to Alexander Nevsky's Museum!

You are considering visiting this newly opened historical museum and now you'd like to get more information. You are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

1. location of the museum
2. the main idea of the exhibit
3. group discounts
4. working hours

2. These are some new words and expressions from the text and their definitions:

to commemorate

-to remind people of an important person from the past with a special action

an invasion

-the act of an army entering another country by force in order to take control of it

<u>to take monastic vows</u>	-a solemn promise which a person takes when entering a monastery
<u>relics(pl.)</u>	-a <u>part</u> of the <u>body</u> or something that <u>belonged</u> to a <u>holy person</u>
<u>reverent</u>	-showing deep respect
<u>a descendant</u>	-a <u>person</u> who is <u>related</u> to you and who <u>lives</u> after you
<u>a layout</u>	-the arrangement or plan of something, such as a building
<u>fortitude</u>	-strength and firmness of mind
<u>to worship</u>	- to have or show a <u>strong feeling</u> of <u>respect</u> and <u>admiration</u> for <u>God</u>
<u>a parish</u>	-an <u>area</u> <u>cared</u> for by one <u>priest</u> with <u>its</u> own <u>church</u>

3. These are Alexander Nevsky's some world-famous expressions.

Guess the Russian equivalents.

1. "Whoever brings the sword will fall by the sword."
2. "God is not in might but in right."

Reading the text. (*Текстовый этап*)

1. Read the text, find the answers to the following questions:

1. What was the reason for opening the museum?
2. How is one of the most brilliant and the bravest defender of Russia connected with Vladimir region?
3. What is the role of Alexander Nevsky in the history of Russia?
4. Who helped in organizing this exposition? How?
5. Why is the museum worth visiting?

2. Entitle the text.



On May 12th, 2021 the church historical museum devoted to Alexander Nevsky was opened on the territory of Vladimir Monastery of Nativity to commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Blessed Prince Alexander Nevsky.

The exposition tells us that Alexander Nevsky was born in May 1221 in Pereslavl-Zalessky and Vladimir Russ was his small homeland. He was Prince of Novgorod, Grand Prince of Kiev and Vladimir. Historians point out his extraordinary way of ruling the country using mixture of military force and diplomacy. He saved religious belief of our Russian land from the Mongol invasion in Russia. We see Nevsky as a grand commander, a foremost statesman of all ages.



The main idea of this exposition is to show Prince's way of living from being the greatest warrior and politician to becoming a monk when he gave up his fame, the high rank and took his monastic vows with the name of Alexiy in 1263.

According to the manuscripts, the Prince died not far from Vladimir and was buried on the territory of the Monastery of Nativity. His relics had been kept there until Peter the Great's times, when the tsar moved them to St. Petersburg in 1723. Nevertheless, his burial ground is still visited by lots of tourists as he is considered to be one of the most reverent saints.



The museum is really an excursion to the past. Vladimir monasteries and parishes did a lot to create this exposition. Here are some unique things from private collections such as Prince's monk dress, religious books in the old Slavonic language, icons, a reconstruction of the ancient Russian warrior. All



the things can't but make a great impression on people. Such pieces of collection as weapons, coins, fabric, paintings and many other household items are priceless gifts from Vladimir and Suzdal archeologists. It's very interesting to watch Alexander Nevsky's family tree that presents him as a descendant of Rurik, Vladimir Monach and Vladimir the Red Sun. By the way, most of the valuable rarities were given by the State Vladimir-Suzdal Museum Reserve. There are some information stands that gradually illustrate the main periods of Nevsky's life on Vladimir land. The huge layout of the city centre is one more wonderful exhibit of the museum. The small train runs around the town passing the Golden Gate, St.

Demitrious and Assumption Cathedrals showing us the historical sights included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The Monastery of Nativity is also here.

Alexander Nevsky was an outstanding person. Historically, his name symbolizes the fortitude and unity of the Russian nation. We are proud of our great countryman. No doubt, he will be honoured and worshipped for many centuries. The museum is really worth visiting and the time spent there will never be wasted.



Post-reading (Послетекстовый этап).

1. Answer the questions given before the text.

2. Complete the sentences using the correct form in brackets.

1. The historical museum (devote) to Alexander Nevsky was opened on the territory of Vladimir Monastery of Nativity.
2. Alexander Nevsky(bear)in May 1221.
3. The exposition shows Prince's way of living from being the (great) warrior and politician to becoming a monk.
4. His relics(keep) in the monastery until Peter the Great's times.
5. Alexander Nevsky ... (consider) to be one of the reverent saints.
6. The small train runs around the town(pass) the Golden Gate, St. Demitrious and Assumption Cathedrals showing....(we) the historical sights.
7. No doubt, Alexander Nevsky (honour) and(worship) for many centuries.
8. The museum is really worth(visit) and the time spent there (not/waste).

3. Choose the right items to complete the sentences.

1. ... May 12th, 2021 the church historical museum was opened on the territory of Vladimir Monastery of Nativity.
a) at b) on c) in d) during
2. It was devoted to Alexander Nevsky to ... the 800th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Blessed Prince.
a)celebrate b)note c)commemorate d)honour
3. Vladimir Russ was Alexander Nevsky's ... homeland.
a)small b)little c)tiny d)petite

4. Historians point out his ... way of ruling the country.
a)famous b)glorious c)outstanding d)extraordinary
5. The main idea of this ...is to show Prince's way of living.
a)excursion b)exposition c)sight d)exhibition
6. We see Nevsky as a grand
a)commander b)soldier c)officer d)conqueror
7. His relics had been kept in Vladimir Monastery of Nativity ... Peter the Great's times.
a)after b)as soon as c)before d)until
8. His burial ground is ... visited by lots of tourists.
a)again b)still c)never d)yet
9. Here are some unique things from ...collections.
a)personal b)own c)individual d)private
10. Prince's monk dress, weapons, coins, paintings are priceless ... from Vladimir and Suzdal archeologists.
a)donations b)gifts c)belongings d)souvenirs

4. **Project work**

1. *Imagine that you are doing a project "Different kinds of historical museums" together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. You are to leave a voice message to your friend and be ready to tell him about the photos:*

- give a brief description of the photos justifying the choice of the photos for the project;
- say in what way the pictures are different justifying the choice of the photos for the project;
- mention the advantages and disadvantages of the two types of museums (outdoor and indoor museums);
- express your opinion on the subject of the project- whether you prefer visiting an indoor museum and why.

You will speak for not more than 3 minutes (2-3 sentences for every item of the plan, 12-15 sentences total).



2. Imagine you are doing a project on **the popularity of various Russian museums nowadays**. You have found some data on the subject – the results of the opinion polls(see the table below).

Comment on the data in the table and give your opinion on the subject of the project.

Types of Museums	Number of the respondents (%)
Art Museums (paintings, sculptures)	60%
Historical Museums (outstanding personalities, historical events, etc)	54%
Natural-Science Museums (nature, space, medicine)	38%
Technical Museums (robots, transport)	36%
Literary Museums (poets, writers)	14%

Write 200-250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project;
- select and report 2-3 facts;
- make 1-2 comparisons where relevant;
- outline a problem that you can arise with cultural education and popularisation of museums in Russia and suggest the way of solving it.
- conclude by giving your personal opinion and preferences concerning visiting museums.

5. Writing an email message.

You have recived an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Nelly:

From: Nelly@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@ege.ru
Subject: Historical museums
...You know I'm interested in history and never miss a chance to visit museums. As you previously wrote you have visited a newly opened Alexander Nevsky's

museum. Why is Alexander Nevsky so famous? Where is the museum situated?
What exhibits impressed you most of all?
My cousin and I are going to the British Museum next week...

Write an email to Nelly.

In your message:

- answer her questions;
- ask **3 questions** about her future visit to the British Museum.

Write **100-140** words.

Remember the rules of email writing.

Источники (фото):

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