

## THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR (1941-1945)

The great **Patriotic** War began on June 22, 1941. Germany **attacked** the Soviet **Union**. The German army was stronger then and it was moving quickly.

In September 1941 the **fascists** began the **blockade** of Leningrad. Thousands died of hunger. It took 900 days to break it.

Soon the fascists were near the capital. But the Soviet **soldiers** were ready to die but not to move back.

Then came the great **battles** of Kursk, Stalingrad (Volgograd), Tula, Minsk, Kiev, Odessa, Sevastopol, Novorossiisk. Some of these cities are **Hero-Cities**.

All Soviet people are proud of our **talented** generals: G.K. Zhukov, I.S. Konev, K.K. Rokossovsky, A.M. Vasilevsky. We will never forget the names of Alexander Matrosov, Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya, twenty-eight men of General Panfilov's **division**, the **young** men from Krasnodon, the heroes of the Brest Fortress. Over 20 million people died but Hitler didn't conquer the USSR.

On May 9, 1945 the war was over in Berlin.

Now Victory Day is one of the most important holidays. There is a **parade** of **veterans** in every town and city of our Motherland. People put flowers to the Memorial of the Unknown Soldier to remember those who didn't come back from the war.

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**Read and mark the sentences T (True) or F (False)**

1. The Great Patriotic War began when Germany attacked the Soviet Union. \_\_\_\_
2. The Soviet army was the strongest at the beginning of the war. \_\_\_\_
3. It took a year to break the blockade of Leningrad. \_\_\_\_
4. Soon the fascists were near Moscow. \_\_\_\_
5. The Soviet soldiers didn't move back. \_\_\_\_
6. There were a lot of important battles during that war. \_\_\_\_
7. There are only two Hero-cities: Moscow and Leningrad. \_\_\_\_
8. All people remember the best generals and other heroes of the war. \_\_\_\_
9. Over 20 thousand died during the war. \_\_\_\_
10. On May 9 we celebrate our victory in the Great Patriotic War. \_\_\_\_
11. Every year there is a parade of our veterans in Berlin. \_\_\_\_
12. We visit the Memorial of the Unknown Soldier to remember those who didn't come back from the war. \_\_\_\_