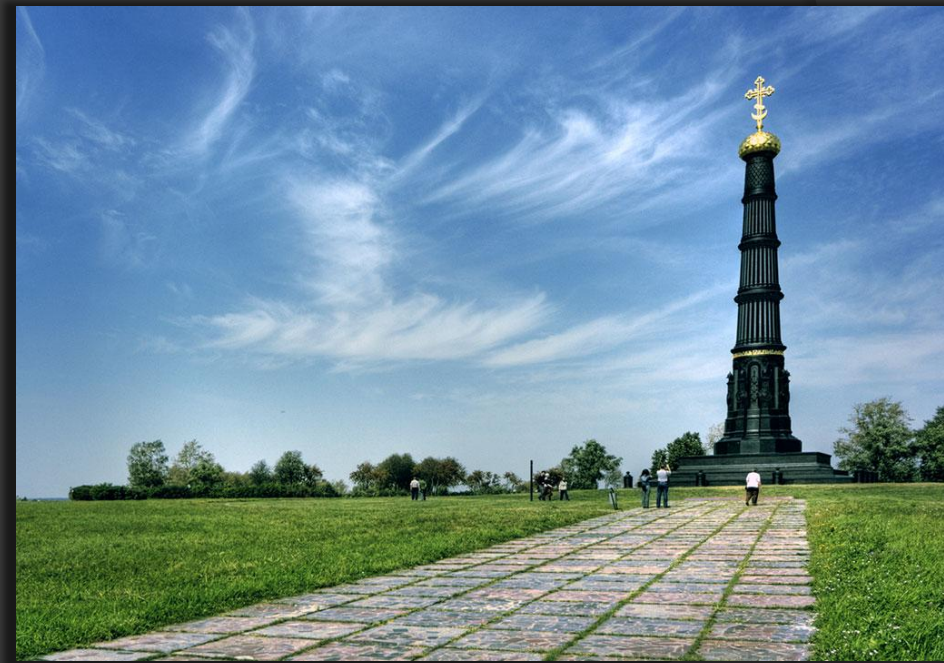




We are proud of our town because its life has always been connected with the history of Russia.



The first record of Tula is dated 1146. In 1380 the host of Golden Horde was stopped and crushed at Kulikovo Pole (Tula Region). The memorial temple and the sublime stele there is a shrine for every Russian – it is a place the history of Russian state roots in.



In 1552 the Crimean Khan Devlet Girey failed to capture Tula Fortress as well as Napoleon in 1812.



Tula has long been notable as the main armory on the close approaches to Moscow.

In 1941 Tula defenders were deterring the tank army Guderian for 45 days making the enemy fall back.





It was the beginning of the glorious path to the victory in the World War II.



More than 200 people were awarded a high title of the Hero of the Soviet Union. Over 170 thousand inhabitants of Tula and Tula region got medals.

In 1976 Tula was honoured with the title of «Hero City».





The destination to fight enemies and appropriate nature resources for metallurgical industry influenced the economic development of the city. The first Russian arm factory was set up here by Peter I.

The first metal works and samovars factory sprung up also in Tula.





Legends were made about Tula high-skilled craftsmen, armoures, smiths. Everybody has heard about N. Leskov's Levsha.

The culture of Tula reflects its history. The unique Museum of Arms, the Museum of Gingerbread, the Museum of Samovars with the riveting variety of the exhibits are the symbols of the city.



Tula Regional Museum of Fine Arts comprises the impressive collection of Russian and European paintings and numerous works of folk crafts.



The Kremlin Garden, the Belousovsky and Aleksandrovsky Parks, theatres, architectural monuments, churches contribute to the charm of Tula.



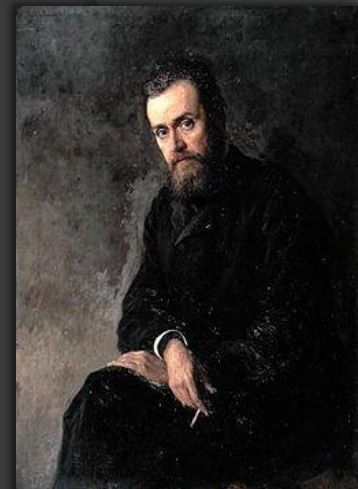
Living in Tula we can't help saying about



Leo Tolstoy and his estate Yasnaya Polyana



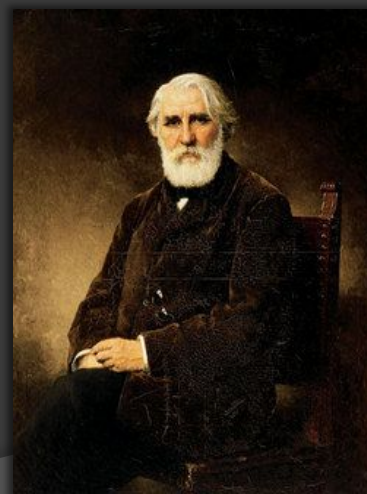
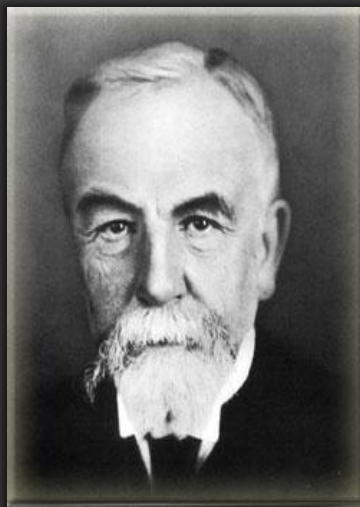
**Vasily Zhukovsky
(1783-1852)**



**Gleb Uspensky
(1843-1902)**



Vasily Polenov and his masterpieces



**Ivan Turgenev
(1818-1883)**



**Vikenty
Veresaev**

Tula has always been associated with the names of



Michael Kalashnikov,
the designer of AK-47



Vsevolod
Rudnev, the
commander of
heroic cruiser
«Varyag»

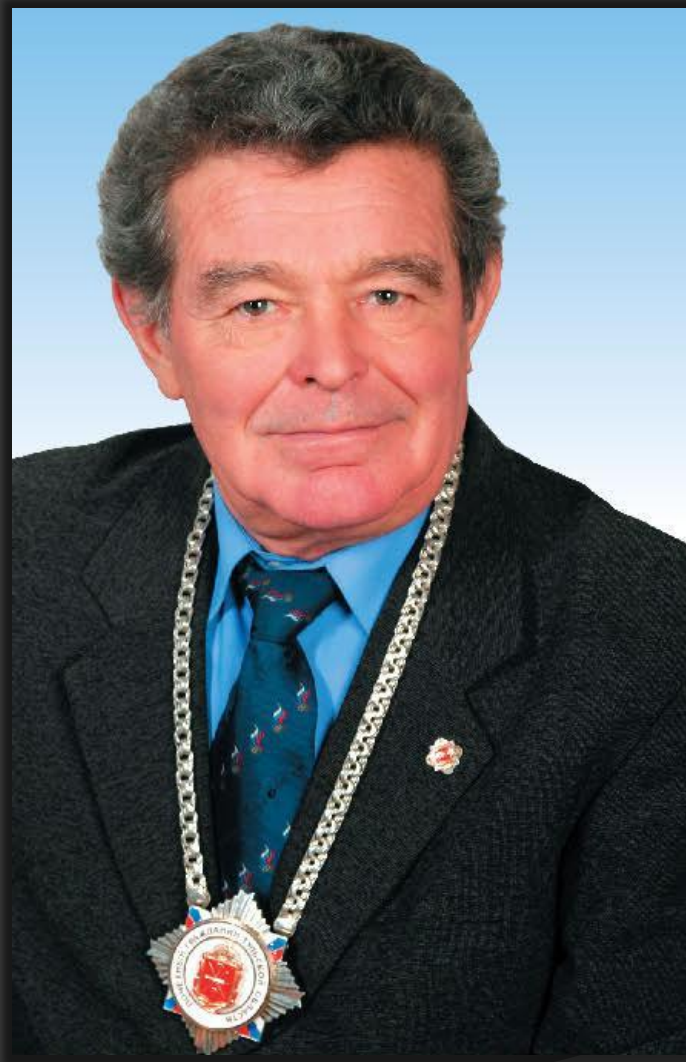
*Sergey Mosin
(1849-1902) The
designer of 7.62 rifle*



Andrey Bolotov, a
scientist, one of
the founders of
the Russian
agronomy



Our city has made a great contribution into sport life of Russia:



V. Vedenin – the Olympic champion in skilling (1972)

Especially we'd like to name former and present pupils of our school №58

*Irina Kirilova
the Olympic
champion in
volleyball*



*Boris Ferdman
the Olympic
champion in
swimming*



*Ponikarova
Nastya the
World
champion
in aesthetic
gymnastics*



*Dima
Kornilov
the winner
in the
Paralympic
Games in
racing*



In spite of the fact that Tula has been forging arms for centuries it is a peaceful, benevolent, hospitable place.



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