

Tatiana's day



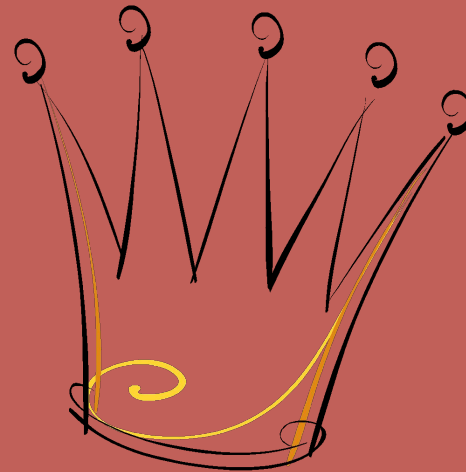
January, 25 is memorial of Tatiana the great martyr which is a patroness of all Titians. On January, 25, back in 1755, Russian impress Elizabeth the Great founded the Moscow University. Since that this day has become the most favorite and the merriest holiday of students.



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## History.

It was the noisiest day of the year in big cities. Students gathered into large groups and walked all together along the streets singing students' songs. They had the feeling of incredible freedom, because even police had not been recommended to arrest students on that day. In some regards it was something like: Woodstock for rock-and-roll fans back in 60's. Not only students but also professors considered Tatiana's day to be their professional holiday and they themselves somehow became old students and acted accordingly. In the Soviet period of Russian history Tatiana's day was forbidden, but in 1993 it was revived and presently it is the great event for all students and professors again.



## Russian folklore.

It was considered that a girl born on this day was to be a nice cook. If Tatiana's day is sunny, then birds of passage will be back earlier in spring; if it is snowy, then summer will be rainy. If you hear a woodpecker knocking on the day, then you may expect early spring, and snow will melt in March. If the day is cold, then June will be dry and hot, and mushrooms will appear only in fall. If January is like March, then March will be like January.



## Tatiana's name and character.

Origin: probably from Greek 'tatto', 'I make it in fighting trim', or from Latin name Tadius which was a legendary Sabinian king killed by Romulus in a duel.

A woman named Tatiana is considered to be very emotional and artistic, as well as very charming. At the same time Tatiana can be stubborn and commanding, she hates being contradicted. She possesses business efficiency, sharp wisdom, and she can achieve her goals. She is quite subjective and egocentric, her concentration on herself prevents her to be really acute, though she considers herself to be so. She is rather jealous. Her passion is traveling. Tatiana's rich nature is difficult to be seen, that is why she has hard time realizing herself.



## Tatians in literature.

The first and the most famous Tatiana in Russian literature is Alexander Pushkin's one from his novel in verse, Eugene Onegin. As a child everyone must learn and remember Tatiana's love letter to Eugene in Russia (see Eugene Onegin, Chapter 3, XXXI). It surely will give you some insight into Russian woman's soul.

