

An aerial photograph of Ulyanovsk, Russia, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous multi-story apartment buildings, green spaces, and a river in the background. The city is surrounded by a yellow rectangular border.

# ULYANOVSK

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# About Ulyanovsk

Ulyanovsk is a major city of Russia, the administrative center of Ulyanovsk Oblast. It is situated on the Volga Upland, on the banks of the Volga (The Kuibyshev Reservoir) and the Sviyaga. The city is located 890 km to the east of Moscow.

In 2012 the population of Ulyanovsk was 637 400 people (the 20th place in Russia). The area is 622.46 km<sup>2</sup> (the 6th place in the Russian Federation).







Хитрово  
Богдан Матвеевич



The Monument to Bogdan Matveevich  
Khitrovo

Ulyanovsk was founded by Tsar Alexei Mikhailovich and Courtier Bogdan Matveevich Khitrovo in 1648. It was a fortress and protected the eastern borders of the Russian Kingdom from the raids of nomadic tribes.



In autumn 1670 Sinbirsk was besieged by the army of Stepan Razin. Razin was not able to successfully complete the siege and he was wounded in battle in October, 4. Comrades carried him to the river, loaded onto a boat and sailed down the Volga.

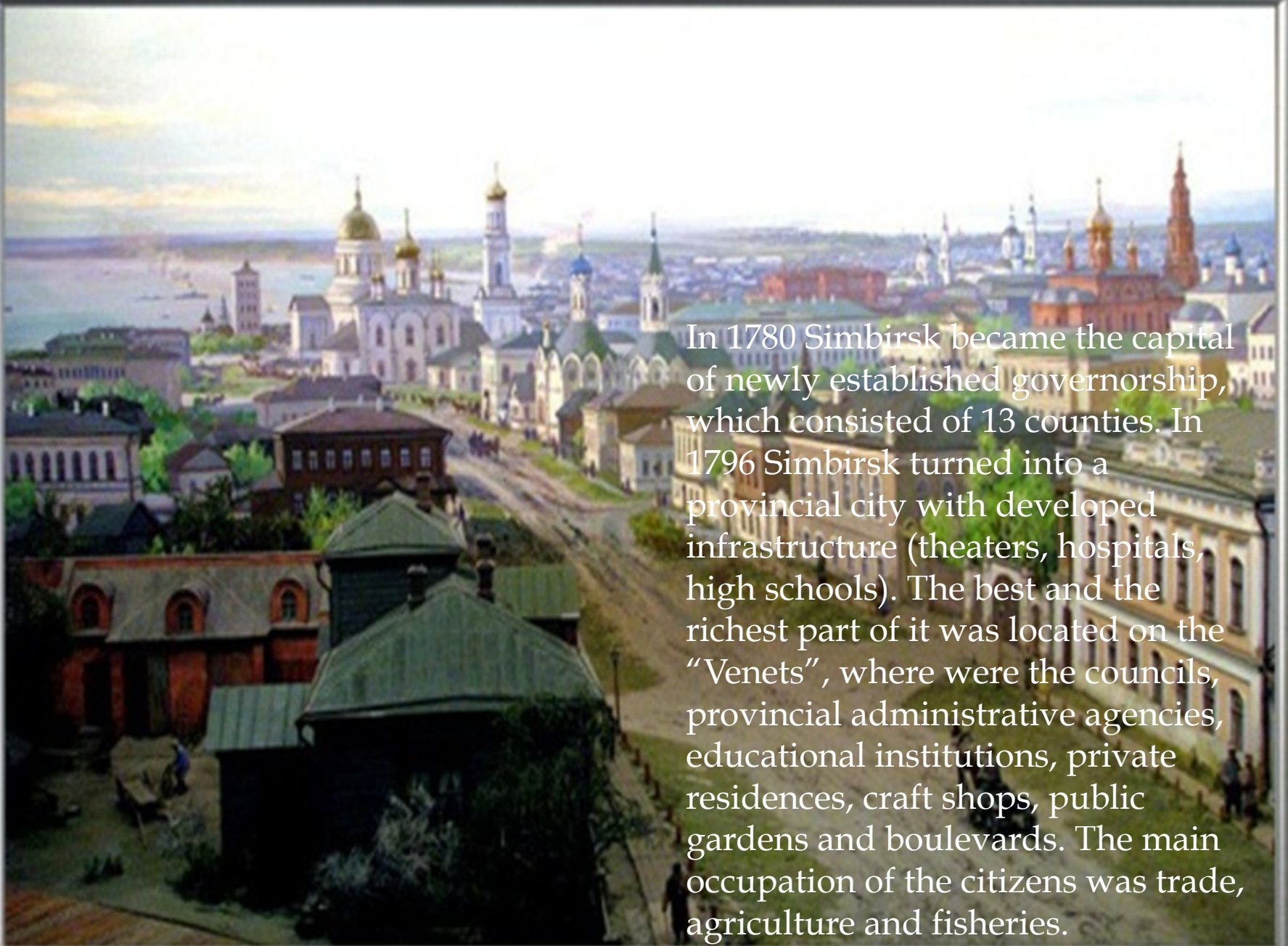




In 1672, Sinbirsk was granted the first coat of arms for the defense of Stepan Razin.








In 1780 Simbirsk became the capital of newly established governorship, which consisted of 13 counties. In 1796 Simbirsk turned into a provincial city with developed infrastructure (theaters, hospitals, high schools). The best and the richest part of it was located on the "Venets", where were the councils, provincial administrative agencies, educational institutions, private residences, craft shops, public gardens and boulevards. The main occupation of the citizens was trade, agriculture and fisheries.



# The origin of the name

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. In the foreground, a large, modern, multi-story building with a grid-like facade, possibly a university or government building, is surrounded by green lawns and trees. In the background, a dense urban area with various residential and commercial buildings stretches towards a river. The river is visible on the right side of the image, with a bridge crossing it. The sky is clear and blue.

The original name of the city is Sinbirsk. Supposedly it was named after Prince Volga Bulgars Sinbira (Simbir). Since 1780, the city is known as Simbirsk. Archaeologist Michael Shorin thinks that the word "Sinbirsk" has Turkic origin, and explains it by the fact that the word "sin" means "grave" or "tombstone" and "bip" means "one". So "Sinbirsk", translated from Turkic language into Russian, means a single grave. The word has the same meaning and in the Uighur dialect (a special branch of the Turkic language). That's why the city should be called "Sinbirsk", but not "Simbirsk". Later the letter "N" was changed into "M" for the better pronunciation.





In 1924 Simbirsk was renamed into Ulyanovsk in memory of the famous Russian revolutionary Vladimir Ulyanov (Lenin). In 2008, Mayor Sergey Ermakov offered to return the historic name of the city, as the city was renamed into Ulyanovsk according to the political reasons without consulting with the citizens. But this suggestion has been discussing till nowadays.





**There are many beautiful  
monuments and buildings  
in Ulyanovsk**



# Lenin memorial





# The Historical Museum of Goncharov





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# Venets





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# The Victory Monument

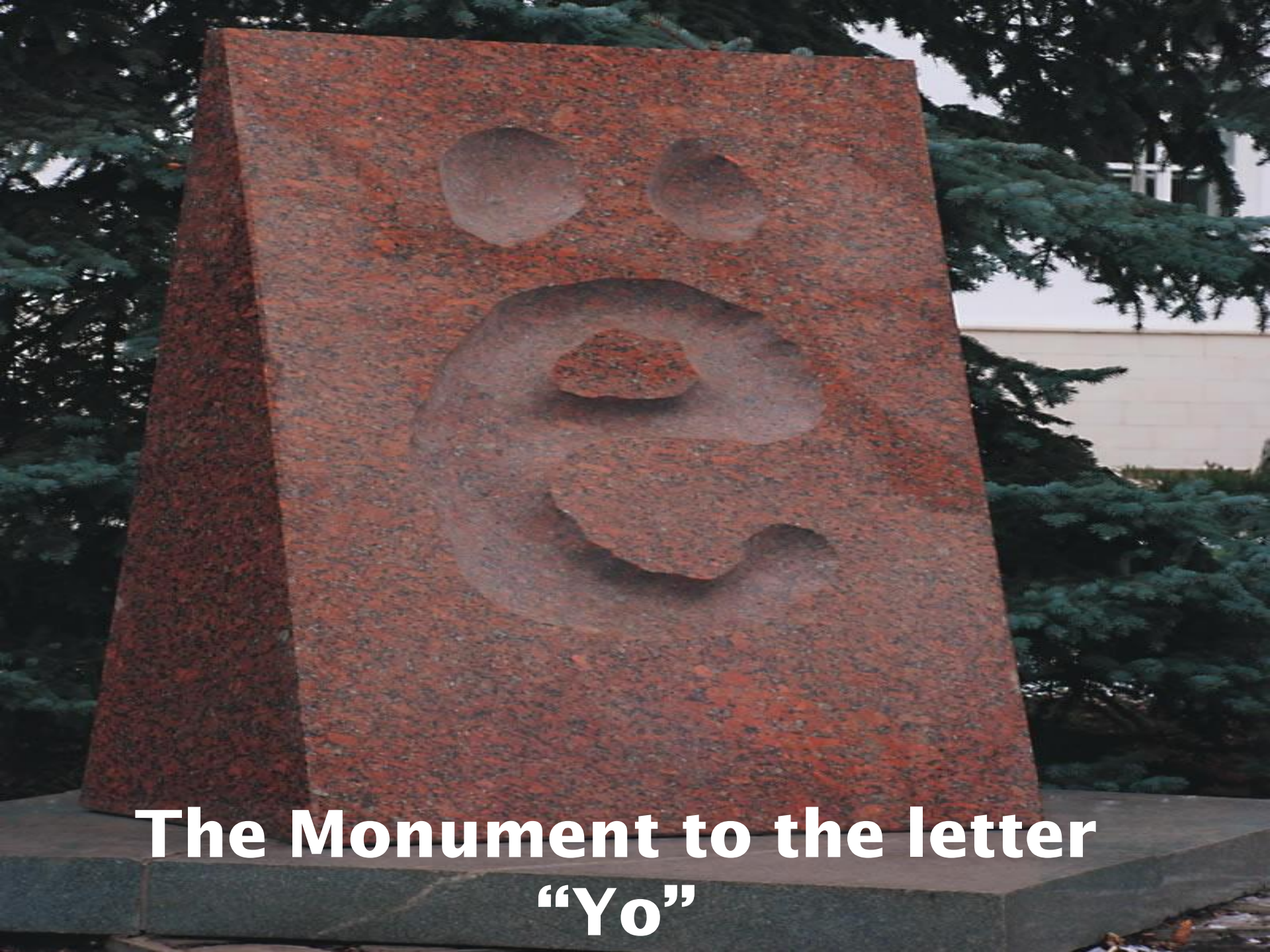




# The Monument To Karamzin







**The Monument to the letter  
“Yo”**



An aerial photograph of Ulyanovsk, Russia, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous multi-story apartment buildings. A wide, straight road with tram tracks runs through the center of the city, flanked by green spaces and trees. The city extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

# I am proud of my living in Ulyanovsk

- It is a beautiful and wonderful city!
- Those who live here should be very happy