

Текст предназначен для изучения в VI классе в рамках **Unit 3. My fair land.**

**I. Study the words.**

chronicle – летопись

bishop – епископ

rename – переименовать

restless – беспокойный, неутомимый

forge – кузница

Jew – еврей

enterprise – предприятие

**II. Match the words in the right column with the words in the left column:**

1. provincial

a) centre

2. rich

b) Church

3. cultural

c) inhabitants

4. restless

d) School

5. small

e) musician

6. Orthodox

f) towns

7. Choreography

g) town

8. world-known

h) history

**III. Read the text and say where Ivanovo is situated.**

Somewhere in Belarus

Ivanovo is a small provincial town in Brest region, Belarus. It has a rich history and a lot of unexpected discoveries. Ivanovo was first mentioned in chronicles in 1423. It was a village Porkhovo then. The Duke of the Great Duchy of Lithuania Vitovt presented the village to the Cathedral in Lutsk. In 1465 bishop Yan Lascovich renamed Porkhovo into Yanov in honor of himself.

Yanov was a highly-developed cultural and economic centre with lots of shops, workshops, mills. Three fairs were held there every year. The bishops of Lutsk made Yanov their second residence.

A fire in 1575 destroyed almost everything in the village, because the main building material at those times was wood. A lot of villages and small towns vanished, but Yanov was renewed due to its restless inhabitants.

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century about 3000 people lived in Yanov. There were about 50 small shops, 7 mills, 5 forges, a drug store, a school, an Orthodox church, a Catholic church, 4 Jewish prayer schools. Lots of Jews lived in the village, they owned almost all the shops.

In 1940 the name of the village was changed into Ivanovo. But the railway station is still called Yanov Polessky. In 1971 Ivanovo got a status of a town. New enterprises have appeared, new houses have been built.

Nowadays Ivanovo is a quiet and cosy town with developed infrastructure. About 17000 people live here today. There are 3 schools, a gymnasium, 6 kindergartens, Music School named after Napoleon Orda, School of Arts, Choreography School, The Centre of Culture and Folk traditions, 2 libraries, the Central Hospital equipped with modern professional appliances and School of Cooperage – the only one in the Republic. You can also see the monument to Napoleon Orda, a world-known Belarusian and Polish artist and musician who was born and grew up in Ivanovo district.

Representatives of different religions have always lived peacefully in Ivanovo. You will meet the Orthodox church just opposite the Catholic church in the centre of the town. Besides, there are several Protestant churches in Ivanovo.

Welcome to this hospitable town! You will never forget its clean streets, cosy buildings and picturesque nature of its outskirts.



Catholic Church



Orthodox Church



The Monument to Napoleon Orda

**IV. Fill in the missing words.**

1. . Ivanovo was first mentioned in \_\_\_\_ in 1423.
2. In 1465 bishop Yan Lascovich renamed Porkhovo into \_\_\_\_ in honor of himself.
3. A \_\_\_\_ in 1575 destroyed almost everything in the village.
4. Lots of \_\_\_\_ lived in the village in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
5. In 1971 Ivanovo got a status of a \_\_\_\_.
6. Representatives of different \_\_\_\_ have always lived peacefully in Ivanovo.
7. Welcome to this \_\_\_\_ town!

**V. Say if the sentences are true to the text or false.**

1. Ivanovo is a small provincial town in Grodno region.
2. Ivanovo was first mentioned in chronicles in 1423.
3. Yanov was a highly-developed cultural and economic centre.
4. The bishops of Turov made Yanov their second residence.
5. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century about 13000 people lived in Yanov.
6. There are 3 school, a gymnasium, 6 kindergartens in Ivanovo.
7. . You can see the monument to Napoleon Orda in the town.

**VI. Answer the questions.**

1. What is Ivanovo? Where is it situated?
2. When was it first mentioned in chronicles?
3. Who presented the village to the Cathedral in Lutsk?
4. Why was the village of Porkhovo renamed in 1465?
5. What name did the village get in 1940?
6. How is the railway station called?
7. What is Ivanovo of today?

**VII. Speak about your native town or village. What places are worth visiting?**