

## *About myself*

My name is ZhuravlevaValeriya. I was born in Taganrog (Rostov region). I am 16 years old. My mother works at school as a teacher and my dad works at the metallurgical plant. I want to be like my mother. I study at school and take an active part in my school life. I'd like to tell you about the town which I love very much.



# Taganrog

Taganrog was founded by Peter I in 1698. It was he who wanted Taganrog to become the capital of Russia. It is also the town which gave our country and the whole world a plenty of great people such as F. Ranevskaya (a Russian actress), V. Durov (a dog trainer), I. Vasilenko (a writer), I. Golubets (a military sailor, a Hero of the Soviet Union) and, of course, A. Chekhov (a great Russian writer). In 1820 Taganrog was visited by A.S. Pushkin. P. Tchaikovsky loved to stay here. The Russian Tsar Alexander I used to stay here.

My town passed the heroic way from the Crimean war 1853-1856 to the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945. Here the clandestine organization with a strong spirit of fight against fascism acted. Because of the fight of the members of this underground organization Taganrog has become "The Town of Military Glory" on the 3-rd of November 2011. The monument "The Youth Oath" is devoted to the heroes of Taganrog for their courage, firmness and mass heroism.

It's impossible to imagine my town without the name of Anton Chekhov who loved Taganrog and was proud of it! The Taganrog Theatre and the public Chekhov library, the Birthhouse of Anton Chekhov, the museum "Chekhovs' Shop", the Chekhov monument and the Monuments to Chekhov's characters because of which the citizens and the guests of my town are impressed.

Taganrog is situated on the Azov Sea. There is a legend that the idea of the fight against Austrian conquerors occurred to J. Garibaldi when he stayed in one of the taverns of Taganrog. It is a sea port and a brilliant resort. I love to spend the calm evenings on Pushkinskaya Embankment, to count the rungs on Depaldo stone stairs, look at small waves of my native sea, admire the sundown.

Our city is wonderful and favourite for all of its habitants.

