

HOST CITY: TULA

GUESSING GAME: DO YOU REALLY KNOW TULA?

Take the card, read the statement and share your ideas on whether the information about Tula is relevant or irrelevant.



(!) The sentences containing correct information are highlighted.

-In 1712, Tula was visited by Peter the Great, who commissioned the Demidov blacksmiths to build the first armament factory in Russia.

-In the Middle Ages, Tula was a major fortress at the border of the Principality of Ryazan.

-During the Great Patriotic War (World War II) of 1941-1945, the city was not so important in the production of armaments.

-There is an ancient city in Mexico, called Tula.

-Tula is also renowned for traditional Russian *pryaniki* (gingerbread), cookies made with honey, mint and spices.

-Tula is an industrial city and the administrative center of Tula Region.

-Tula is located 193 kilometers south of Moscow, on the Voronka River.

-For more than four centuries Tula has been known as a center of crafts and metalworking.

-A musical instrument, the Tula accordion, is named after the city, which is a center of manufacture for such instruments sold throughout Russia and the world.

-It was not in Yasnaya Polyana where Leo Tolstoy wrote his celebrated novels 'War and Peace' and 'Anna Karenina'.

-The most popular tourist attraction in Tula Oblast is Yasnaya Polyana, the home and burial place of the writer Leo Tolstoy.

-There is no railway connection between Tula and Moscow.

-City transport is presented by only trams, trolleybuses and buses.

-According to a 2012 official survey 62% of the population of Tula Oblast belongs to the Russian Orthodox Church, 2% are unaffiliated generic Christians, 1% are Muslims. In addition, 19% of the population declares to be 'spiritual but not religious', 13% is atheist, and 3% follows other religions or did not give an answer to the question.

-Tula Kremlin is a fortress in Tula, Russia. It is monument of Russian defense architecture of the 15th century.

-Tula also has a Synagogue and the Jewish Community House.

-Tula has a twin city which is Albany, New York, United States.

-Tula has only one theatre which is a Drama Theatre.

-Tula has a population of nearly half a million people.