

The History of Arzamas

Arzamas was founded in 1578 by Ivan the Terrible in the lands populated at the time by Mordvins.



By 1737, more than 7,000 people lived in Arzamas and the town became a major transit center on the route from Moscow to eastern parts of Russia. It was known for its geese and onions as well as leather crafts.

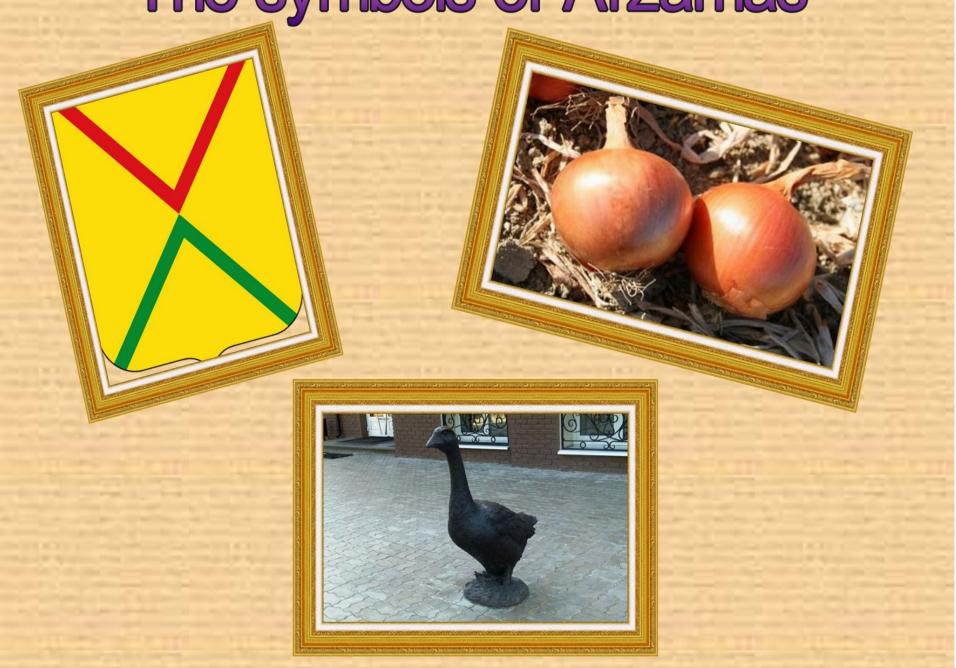
Catherine the Great in 1781 granted town status to Arzamas and a coat of arms based on the colors of the Arzamas regiment.



In 1954-1957, Arzamas was the center of Arzamas Oblast, a short-lived administrative unit that was split from Gorky Oblast and later merged back into it.

In 1988, the city was the site of the Arzamas train disaster which caused the death of ninety-one people.

The symbols of Arzamas



The sights of Arzamas: churches



The sights of Arzamas: monuments







