



# Kyiv - the capital of Ukraine





**Kyiv** is the capital of Ukraine.

It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and therefore a lot of places of historic interest in it.



**Its history goes back to the 5-th century.**

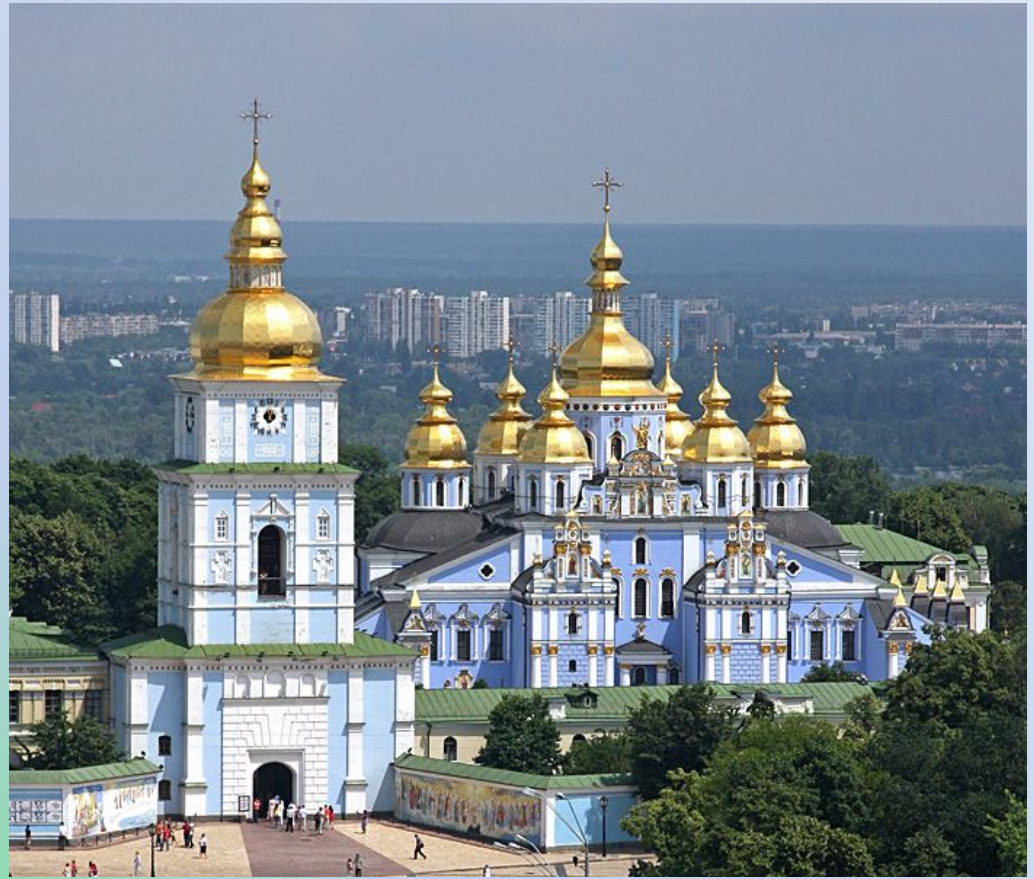
**Ancient Kyiv was a large commercial centre  
of the East Slaves.**



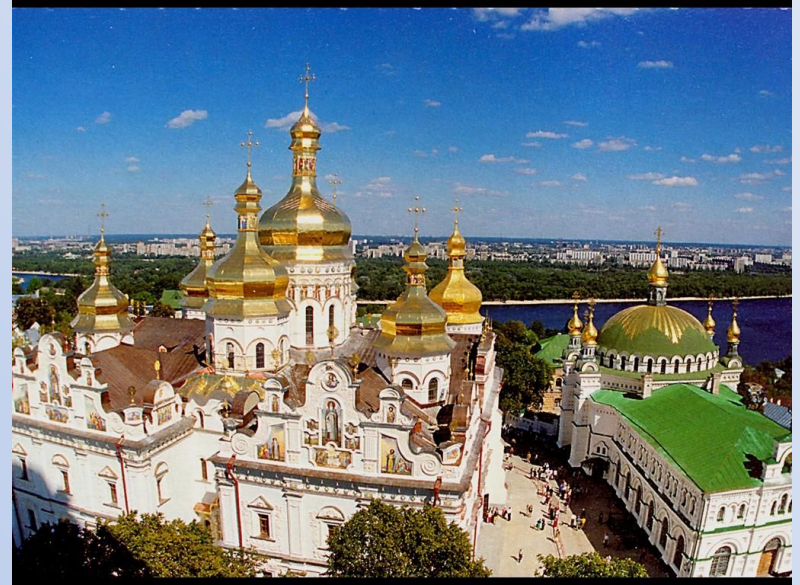
A great role in the history of Kyiv was played by **Prince Volodymyr**, who united Slav people.

Kyiv was made the capital of Ancient Rus and it lasted for nearly three centuries.

Among the  
places of  
historic  
interest is **St.  
Sophia  
Cathedral.**



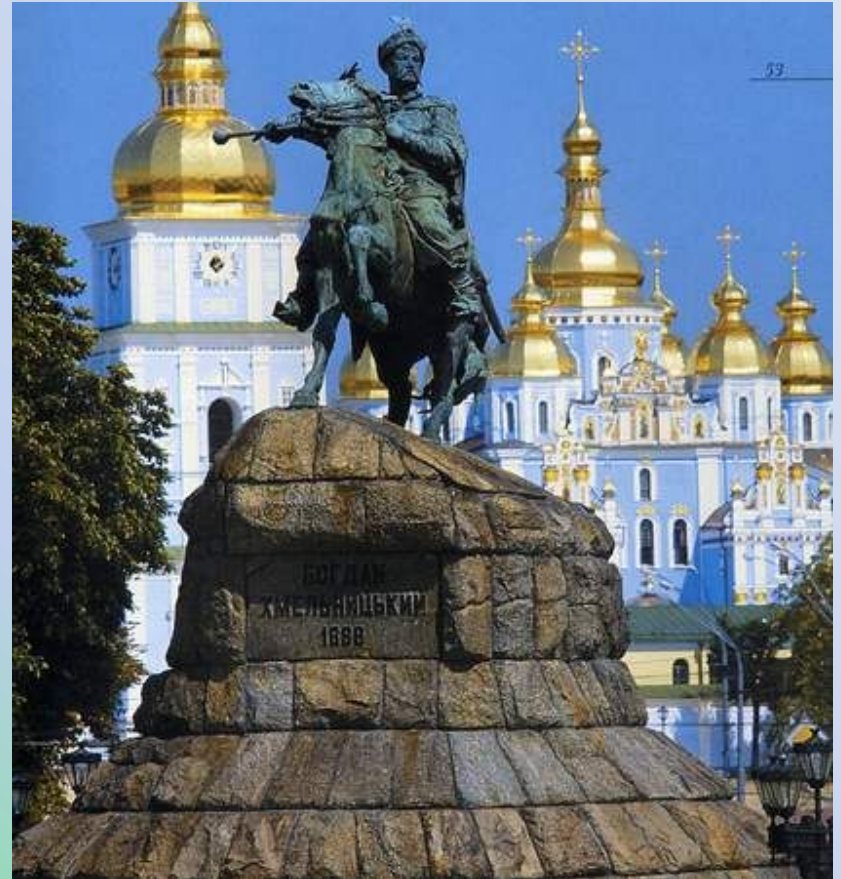
**Kyiv-Pechersky Monastery**, another ancient monument, stands on a green hill above the Dnieper river.



The monument to **Taras Shevchenko**, the great poet of Ukraine, is in front of the Kyiv University, named after him.



The monument to **Bohdan Khmelnytsky**, the Ukrainian national hero, stands in the square opposite to the St. Sophia Cathedral.







The cultural life of our capital is rich and varied. There are a lot of fine museums in it: the Historical Museum, the Museum of Ukrainian Art, the Museum of Russian Art and others.



**Is Kyiv the largest centre of Ukrainian culture?**

**Give your reason.**