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**Kuzbass and its Wealth**

Kemerovo region consists of twenty cities and towns. Its population is about 3 million people. There are seven densely populated cities: Kemerovo, Novokuznetsk, Prokopevsk, Belovo, Kiselevsk, Leninsk-Kuznetskij, Mezhdurechensk. Kemerovo region borders with Tomskaya region, Altajskij Krai, Republic Altai and Krasnoyarskij Krai.

Kuzbass is one of the most important region in Russia. There are lots of mines, coal cuts and big factories in Siberia. Someone calls Kuzbass a “stokehold” of the country. It ranks the first in coal production and fourth largest producer of steel. The main natural wealth of Kuzbass is coal. The Kuznetsk coal basin is the largest coal deposit. Mihailo Volkov discovered coal in “Gorelaya gora” in Kemerovo. Now it’s called “Krasnaya gorka”. The most important centers of the coal industry are Prokopevsk, Mezhdurechensk, Belovo, Berezovsky, Kemerovo, Novokuznetsk, Osinniki, Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Kiselevsk. In Kemerovo region gold, silver, iron ore, aluminium, lead, zinc, quartzite, lime and clay are also mined. There are many huge plants in our region: Novokuznetsk Aluminium plant, West Siberian metallurgical plant and Novokuznetsk Ferro-alloys plant.

The most interesting and ancient sights of our region are scribbles. The largest one is Tomskaya Pisanitsa. There are many pictures of Elk. Ancient people honored Elk. There are a lot of sights in our region which attract tourists from all over the world. These are rocks: “Spassky palaces”, “Rocky mountains” and “Red Rock”, “Gavrilov caves”, “Celestial teeth”.

The main rivers of Kemerovo region are the Tom, the Kiya, the Yaya, the Chulym, the Chumysh. The deepest river is the Tom. The length is 827 km. Reservoirs are a great place for fish farming. There are many kinds of fish in Siberias’s rivers: taimen, lenok, whitefish, dace, burbot, pike, chebak, perch, ruff minnow, char, loach. In the mountain rivers is found grayling.

The animal world of the region is widely represented by the deer family. Kuzbass mooses are very large, reaching a height of 2 meters with a body length of 3 meters. The most common inhabitant of the area is the brown bear.

Kuzbass is rich in drug plants, such as plantain, tansy, golden root. Moreover, 300 of them are used in folk medicine, and 120 types are used in scientific activities. There are a lot of berries, mushrooms and pine nuts in Siberia.

Before reading tasks

I. Guess the words

1.region 11.the Tom

2.Kuzbass 12.fish farming

3.producer 13.taimen

4.mine 14.chebak

5.coal 15.plant

6.sights 16.mountain river

7.gold 17.wealth

8.silver 18.pine nut

9.aluminium 19.drug plant

10.Siberia

II. Answer the questions.

1. Can you guess what is this text about!

2. Do you know what is the most important industry in Kemerovo region?

3. Have you ever been to Tomskaya pisanitsa?

III. Please, give the title to each paragraph!

1. Siberia’s minerals and plants
2. The main cities of Kuzbass
3. Sights of the region
4. Fish farming/rivers of Kuzbass
5. Famous animal / inhabitant
6. The vegetation of our region

After reading tasks

1. Make the order.
2. The animal world of the region is widely represented by the deer family.
3. The main natural wealth of Kuzbass is coal.
4. The deepest river is the Tom.
5. Mihailo Volkov discovered coal in “Gorelaya gora” in Kemerovo.
6. It ranks the first in coal production and fourth largest producer of steel.
7. The most common inhabitant of the area is the brown bear.
8. Ancient people honored Elk.
9. Kemerovo region consists of twenty cities and towns.
10. True or false.
11. Kemerovo region consists of 10 cities.
12. The main industry of our region is farming.
13. There are lots of sights in Siberia especially scribbles.
14. The Kuznetsk coal basin is the largest coal deposit.
15. In the mountain rivers you can find grayling.
16. The most common inhabitant of our region is camel.
17. There are lots of drug plants in Kuzbass.
18. Mihailo Volkov discovered “Krasnaya gorka ” in Kemerovo.
19. Answer the questions.
20. What are the densely populated cities?
21. How do people call Kuzbass?
22. Did ancient people honor the Elk?
23. What is the main industry in Kemerovo region?
24. What are the huge plants in Novokuznetsk?
25. What is the deepest river in Kuzbass?
26. What animals inhabit in Kuzbass?
27. Are the any berries and pine nuts in Siberia?