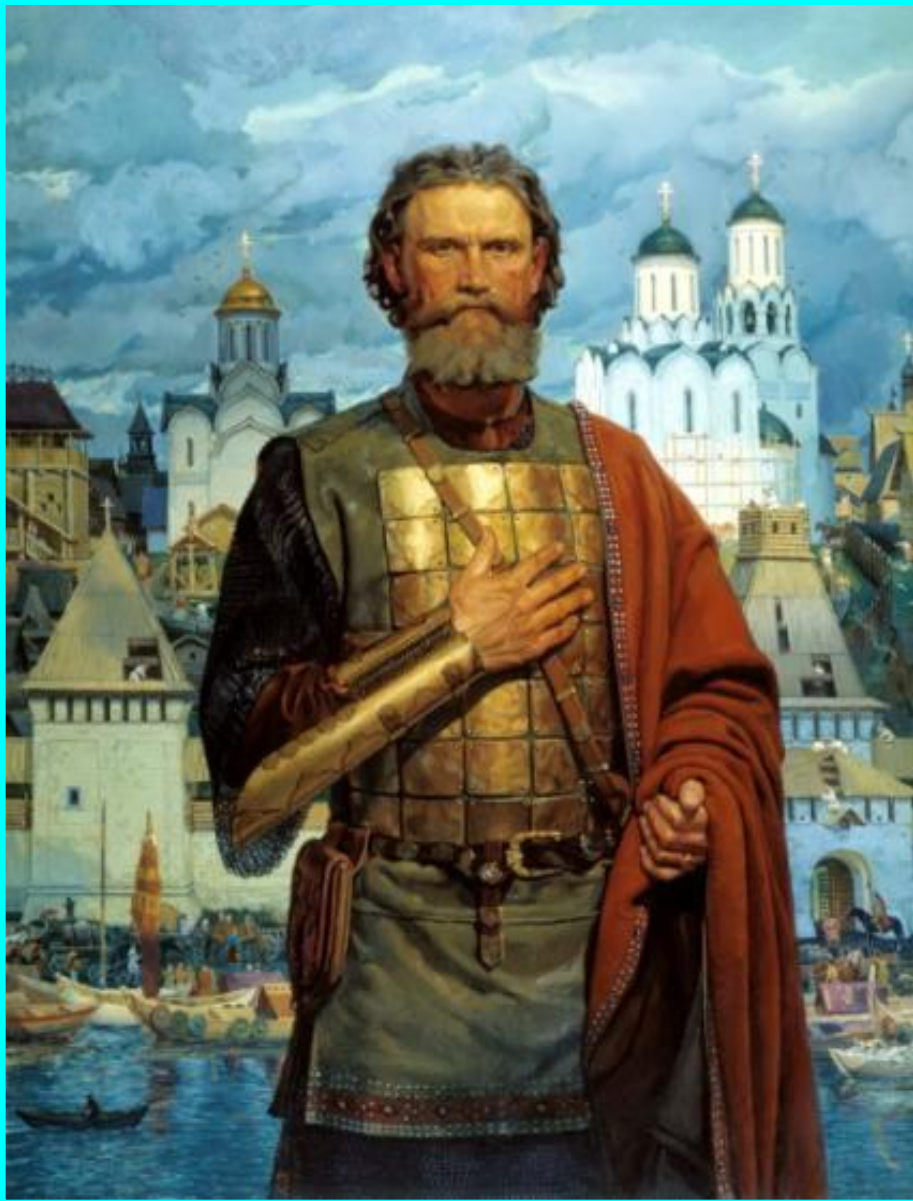


# Battle of Kulikovo



**They began to look at Moscow as a unifier of the Russian land. And then the question began to sound: “How long will the Russian people be debtors of the Golden Horde?”**

The grandson of Ivan Kalita, Moscow's Prince Dmitry Ivanovich, had to answer him.

Due to the early death of his father, Prince Dmitry came to the throne at the age of 9 and at the age of 10 headed the Moscow army. The commanders of course were experienced commanders, but the presence of the prince lifted the spirit of the warriors.







Dmitri Ivanovich's youth was held in battles and campaigns. Therefore, he was an experienced military leader, but the deed was bad.



Dmitry's relations with the Horde were getting tense all the time, and finally, Dmitry refused to pay tribute to the Golden Horde.



The Mongol Army on the move



In 1380, a huge Horde army led by Mamai moved to Russia.

50-60 thousand  
soldiers  
under the banner of  
Dmitry, 20 thousand  
of them from the  
Moscow principality.

Mamai gathered an  
army of 90 thousand  
soldiers.





**At the military council, at the suggestion of Prince Dmitry, it was decided to go over the Don and take the battle to the Kulikovo field.**

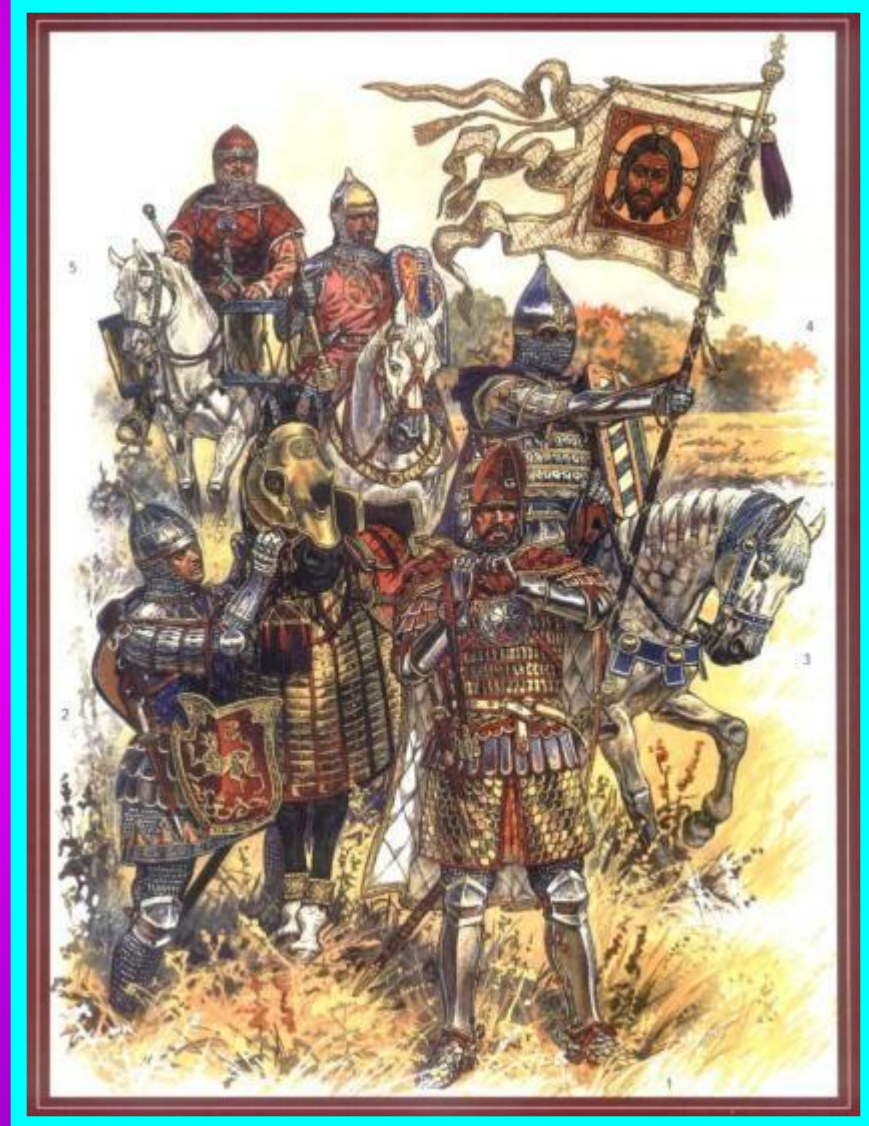




The choice of location showed the intention of the Russian soldiers to fight to the last, because it was impossible to cross back during the battle.

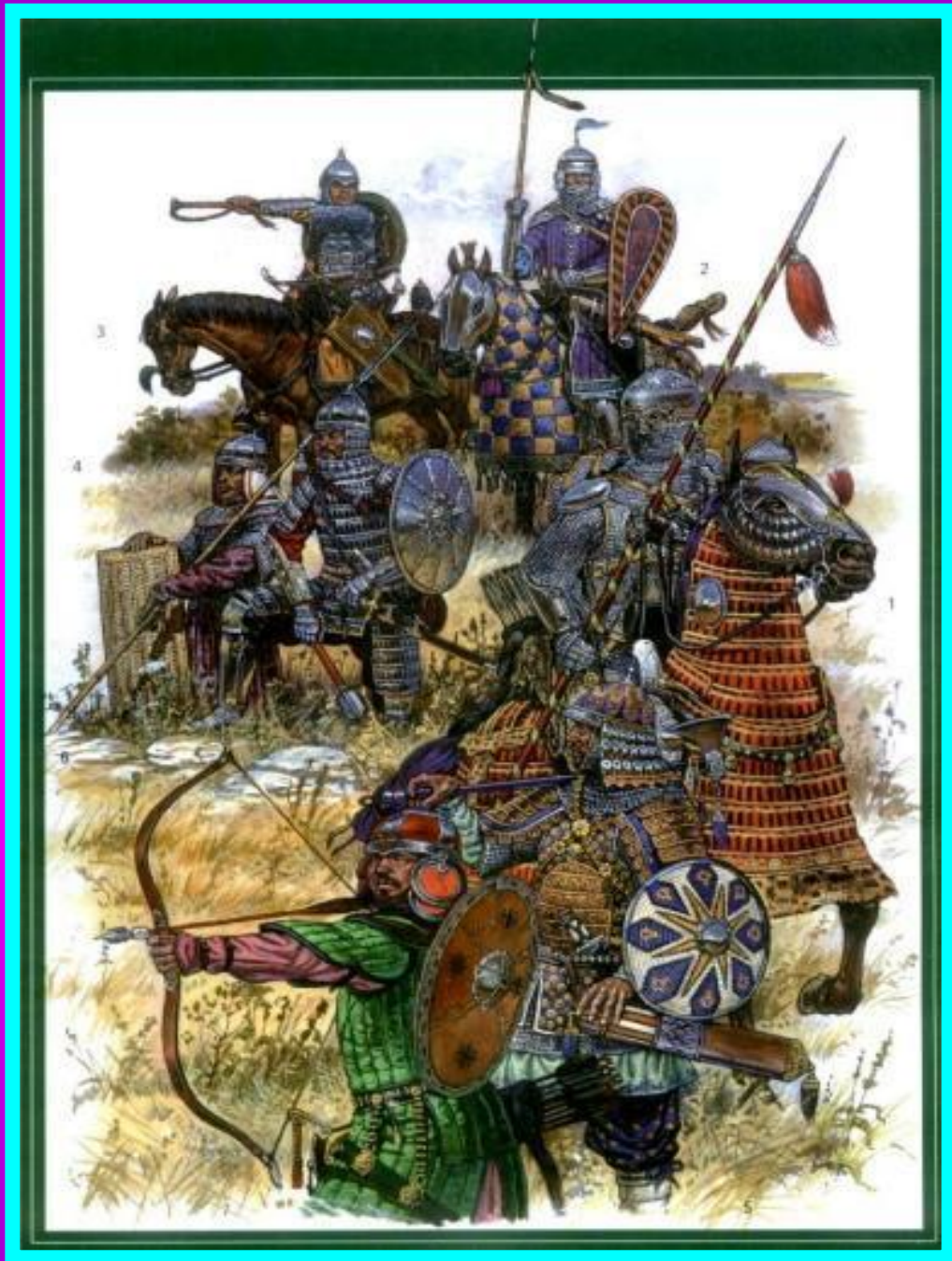


# Russian warriors: cavalry, princely squads.





# Horde Warriors:



**While the fog did not dissipate, the troops stood ready for battle, keeping in touch (echoing the sounds of the trumpets).**





The fog has cleared. The Russian people saw in the distance the tent Mamai embroidered in gold, and in front of him innumerable hordes of Horde.



**According to the customs of those times, the battle began with martial arts. From the Horde ranks went bogatyrskogo horse cavalry Chelubey and began to call his opponent from the Russian rati**





Both fighters fell dead, but the victory was over Peresvet, whom the horse was able to bring to the Russian troops, while Chelubey was knocked out of the saddle.





**Terrible sight was Kulikovo field. Everywhere the bodies of the dead lay in piles, the wounded moaned.**





**But the Battle of Kulikovo was of tremendous importance for the entire Russian people. For the first time she showed that the Horde can and must be fought.**



Victory Monument  
on the field Kulikovo

