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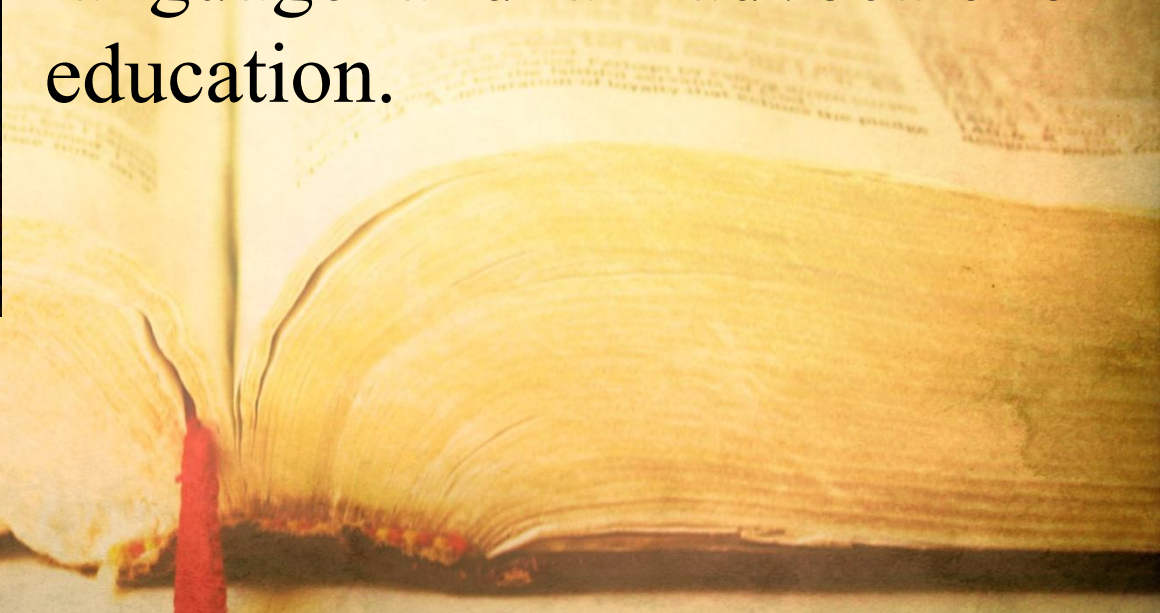
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Russia's first world-famed specialist in natural science, a poet who laid down the foundations of Russian literary language and an advocate of education.





Mikhail Vasilievich Lomonosov (1711-1765) will forever remain in the history of Russian science as *"the first and the greatest."*

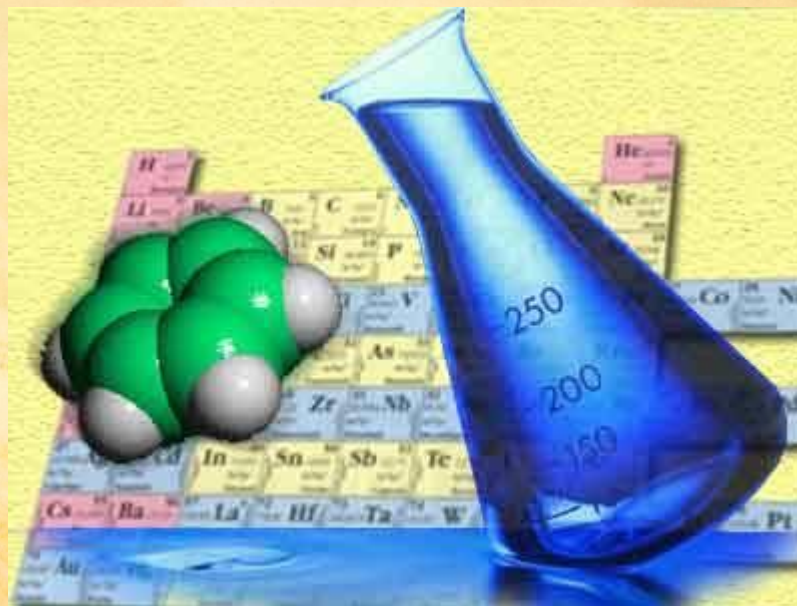
Aspiring to get an education, Lomonosov left his native village of Kholmogory in Northern Russia in 1730 and travelled all the way to Moscow on foot.



The son of a poor fisherman, he had to conceal his origin in order to be admitted to the Slavonic-Greek-Latin Academy of Moscow, where he started his education at the age of 19. Recognized by his instructors as an excellent student, he completed his education in St. Petersburg and in Germany.



He became the first Russian professor of chemistry at St. Petersburg Academy of Science in 1745.





His major scientific accomplishment was in the field of physical chemistry, with other notable discoveries in astronomy, geophysics, geology, metallurgy and mineralogy.

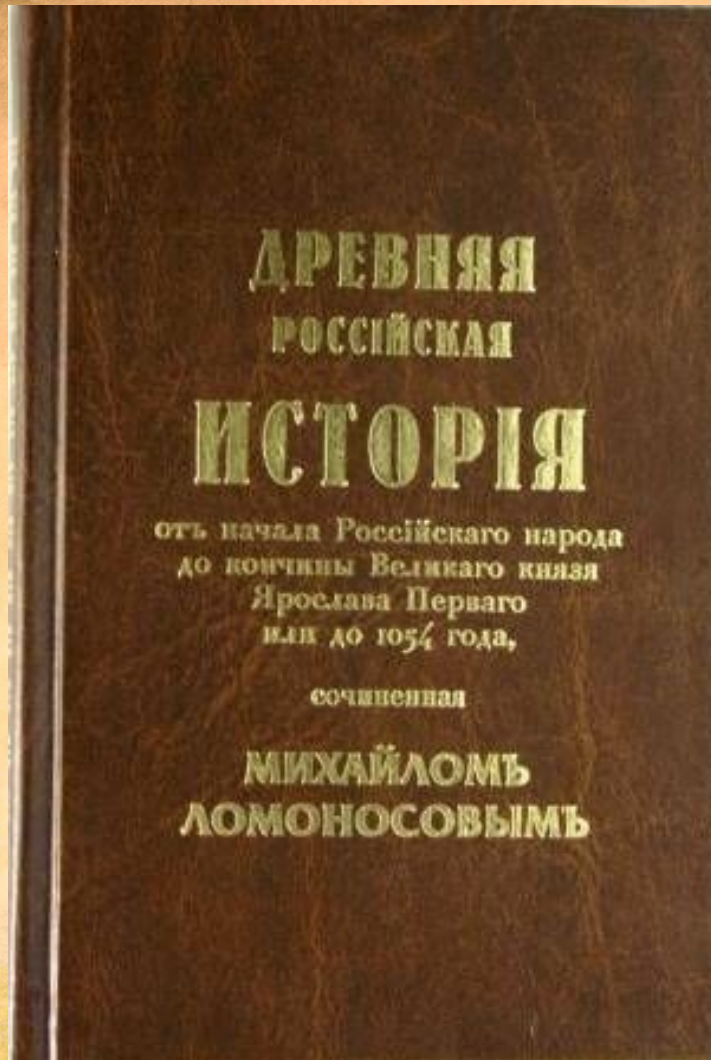


Mikhail Lomonosov was the one who created a system of higher education in Russia. The foundation of a university in Moscow became possible only due to the efforts of Lomonosov, the outstanding Russian scholar and scientist, a person of encyclopedic knowledge. In 1940 on the occasion of its 185th Anniversary, Moscow State University was named after him.



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Interested in furthering Russian education, Lomonosov wrote a grammar that reformed the Russian literary language by combining Old Church Slavonic with the vulgar tongue.



He published the first history of Russia in 1760 and invented a new system of meter in his poetry, which consisted mostly of eloquent odes.

He also
revived the art
of Russian
mosaic and
built a mosaic
and
colored-glass
factory.



Famous Russian poet Alexander Pushkin wrote about the giant of 18th century world science: "Combining the great will-power and the remarkable strength of perception, Lomonosov embraced all the branches of learning. A historian, mechanic, chemist, physicist, astronomer, mining specialist, mineralogist, geographer, historian, philologist, artist and poet, he had experienced it all and perceived it all ..."

