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*“Three Battlefields” for patriotic education*

Nowadays the problem of patriotic education of youth is increasingly being raised. Few young people seek to study the events of Russian history with genuine curiosity. We all live in the present and make plans for the future… But how can we understand without knowing the events of the past where we are heading? To awaken the real interest of the younger generation in the history of their country, the project "Three Battlefields of Russia" was created in Surgut.

Initially, the project was called "Where you are standing now, there is the Kulikovo field", it was created in 2003 by Evgenia Nesterkina and Nadezhda Muntyan, the teachers of Surgut Polytechnic College. In 2012 the teachers of the college proposed to improve the existing project and implement it for Surgut pupils, and a year later the first season of the "Three Battlefields" started. For 10 years of its existence, the project has united more than 50000 schoolchildren and 7654 people became participants in 2022.

Each season of the project is designed for a calendar year, during which schoolchildren study the history of the three battlefields of Russia: Kulikovo, Borodino and the Battle of Prokhorovka, where our compatriots defended the fatherland at different times. Pupils also participate in various quizzes and games, attend thematic excursions, simulate historical events and take part in reconstructed battles.

Overall, "Three Battlefields" is a good solution to instill in young people patriotic values. Participating in this project, a lot of schoolchildren get involved with a great interest in the study of history. They are immersed in the past and strive to be like the heroes of those days. I strongly believe that creating such educational projects we help our future generations go through their lives happily.