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**Урок 95-96.**

**Тема урока: Символы России.**

**Задание 1. Прочитать и устно перевести текст.**

**Задание 2. Выписать из текста и перевести, что символизируют цвета российского флага и двуглавый орел, отправить выполненное задание на электронный адрес** [achmiz2015bachmiz@mail.ru](mailto:achmiz2015bachmiz@mail.ru)

**Отправляя задание, обязательно укажите фамилию, группу, дату и номер урока.**

**Symbols of Russia.**  
The national symbols of Russia are a part of the cultural heritage of the country which has given the country its national identity.  
The official and non-official symbols play an important role in formation of a country and a nation’s image; they build up its recognition.  
Symbols of Russia and Russians are quite diverse. There are only three official, i.e. authorized by law, symbols of the state — the flag, emblem and anthem. But there are a lot of informal symbols, which are often much more famous and popular.  
I’d like to tell you about these symbols of Russia. At first **official symbols**:  
  
**1. National Flag of Russia.**  
  
The national flag of Russia is a tri color flag-white color which lies on the top, blue in the middle and red on the bottom. White stands for nobility and frankness; blue symbolizes loyalty, honesty, chastity and scarlet represents self-sacrifice, generosity and love. While some Russians believe that red means the land, blue stands for sky, and white symbolizes heaven.  
The current Russian flag was adopted on August 21, 1991 just before the country became an independent state. Most historians trace the origin of Russia’s flag to Peter the Great. In 1699, out of hundreds of different flags, Peter selected the flag similar to the flag of the Netherlands — white, blue and red flag. His design was used as a Russian maritime flag for merchant ships and then it was adopted as the civil flag of Russia in 1883.

**2. Two-headed Eagle.**  
  
The two-headed eagle first appeared in Russia, during the time of Moscovia, in the 15th century. Two-headed eagle has been the symbol of the monarchy of Russia for more than four hundred years. But with the advent of Russian revolution and dethroning of the Tsar Empire, it was on the verge of extinction. In 1993, under the initiative of President Boris Yeltsin it was again adopted on 30th November 1993.  
The two heads of the eagle stands for the two parts of vast Russian empire — European and Asian, which are believed to be an important part of the country of Russia.  
There are three historical crowns of Peter the Great above the two-headed eagle (they are symbols of the sovereignty both in Russia as a whole and in its parts). The eagle holds in claws scepter and orb as embodiment of State power and united state.  
On its chest there is a horseman – Russian St. George – who is killing an evil snake with his spear. That is one of the oldest symbols of victory of Russia against all its enemies, symbol of the struggle of good against evil, light against gloom.