BELIEVE –NOT TO BELIEVE

1. The Second World War was the bloodiest in the history of mankind.   
Total losses amounted to more than 50 million people.  
The losses of the Soviet Union were more than 27 million people, (18 million were civilians). Poland lost 6 million people, France - 800 thousand, Great Britain - 350 thousand, the USA - 175 thousand people

2. The first bombing of Moscow took place on July 22, 1941

3. By early December 1941, German divisions were located from Moscow at a distance of 25-30 kilometers.

4. For the first time, the Katyusha multiple rocket launcher was used on September 21, 1941 protecting Leningrad.

5. At about 1 million people died from shelling, hunger and cold during the siege of Leningrad. About a million people were evacuated by the tracks driving across icy Lake Ladoga. About 560 thousand people remained in the city. They worked, made shells and mines. They defended the city of Leningrad.

6. 900 thousand German and 1.3 million Red Army soldiers took part in the battle of Kursk. 6 thousand tanks and more than 4.5 thousand aircraft were used there.

7. The king of Great Britain sent a sword to the Soviet Union. On the blade of it the inscription in Russian and English was engraved, “TO THE STEEL-HEARTED CITIZENS OF STALINGRAD • THE GIFT OF KING GEORGE VI • IN TOKEN OF THE HOMAGE OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE”