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| **SIBERIAN**  **MYSTERY**  On 30 June, 1908, a huge fireball crossed the night sky and then exploded.  The explosion happened in Siberia, in Russia, in a place called Tunguska. It was very strong. Forty thousand trees in the region of the river Podkamennaya Tunguska were burnt and hundreds of animals were killed. Shock waves from the explosion were detected in different places round the world: in England, Germany and America.  Since the explosion people in northern Siberia still watch glowing silver clouds in the night sky. In London you can easily read a newspaper at night. White nights are reported from other places in the British Isles and in Europe.  What exploded above the Tunguska forest? Why? There are no answers yet.  *10 July, 1908* | C:\Users\Admin\Desktop\Тунгусский метеорит\00001184.jpg |

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| **The Tunguska mystery** | |
| 1. What happened?  2. When?  3. Where?  4. What did the witnesses see? |  |
| 5. Who investigated it first?  6. When?  7. How?  8. What were the theories? |  |
| 9. What did scientists find out later?  10. When?  11. How?  12. Can we explain the mystery now? |  |



Leonid Kulik is the first Soviet scientist who visited Tunguska. He saw more than a hundred kilometers of burnt trees there. Kulik and his team looked for a crater and a piece of asteroid or meteorite, but found nothing. In the villages they found some witnesses who remembered a fireball in the sky, a loud noise and then an explosion. What exploded above the Tunguska forest? A meteorite or an asteroid? A comet? A spaceship from another planet? It is still a mystery.

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