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RUSSIA CULTURE FOR KIDS

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Russia Culture for Kids post

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ACTIVITIES FOR LEARNING ABOUT RUSSIA CULTURE FOR KIDS

Dear Parent,

Thank you for downloading this activity booklet. This can be used in conjunction with the post on the Kids Travel Books website, Russian Culture for Kids: <https://kidstravelbooks.com/russia-culture-for-kids>

In that post we share 10 cultural facts about Russia.

In this printable the activities are based on the people, places, or things mentioned in the post.

At the end of this printable we have space for children to write down the things they're interested to know more about Russia. It could be things found in this post, through these activities, or via the children's books set in Russia on the website. It's a great resource for you, the parent, to follow your children's interests.

Enjoy your Russia Culture Journey,
Ann at KidsTravelBooks

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THE RUSSIAN ALPHABET

Try writing the letters yourself.

Аа Бб Вв Гг Дд Ее

Ёё Жж Зз Ии Йй Кк

Лл Мм Нн Оо Пп Рр

Сс Тт Уу Фф Хх Цц

Чч Шш Щщ Ъъ Ыы Ьь

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RUSSIA MAP

The following places are mentioned in the KidsTravelBooks Russian Culture for Kids website. Use a

Moscow

Central Siberian Plateau

Laka Baikal

St. Petersburg

Sayan & Stanavoy Mountains

Kizhi Pogost on Lake Onega

Ural Mountain

Caucasus Mountains

Ulyanovsk

Western Siberian Plain

Northeast Siberia & Kamchatka





RUSSIA MAP

Russia borders 14 countries. Look at a map to find them and write down the names below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____



VISUALIZING RUSSIA'S POPULATION

Russia is the world's largest country in size, but only has the 9th largest population. So, it's not very crowded. For every square kilometer of space, there are 9 people. So that means Russia's population density is 9 people per square kilometer. This is hard to imagine, so this exercise should help you picture it. Imagine the two boxes below are each one square kilometer of space. The box to the left is Russia, draw in 9 stick figures to represent the 9 people that live there. Now imagine the country to the right is the United States. The United States has a population density of 35 people per square kilometer. So draw in 35 people on the right.



You can also look up other population density's via <http://worldpopulationreview.com/> to compare.

Other things to think about:

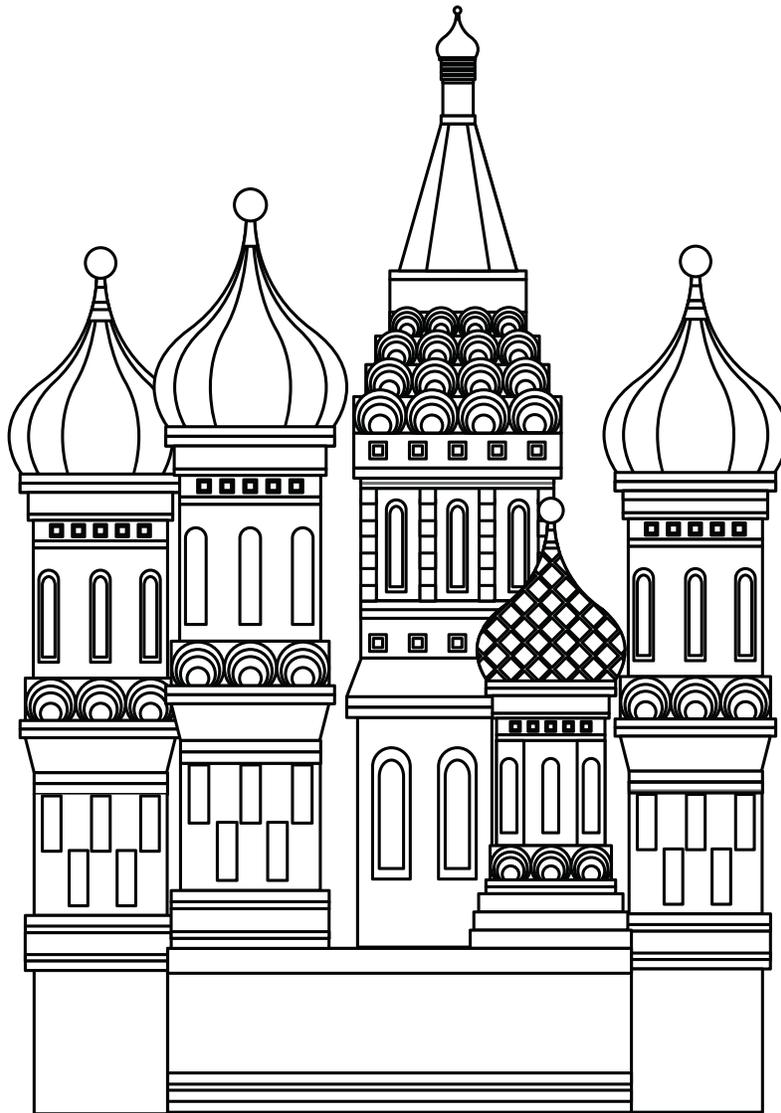
With your parents help use google maps to figure out what a square kilometer around your home would be. How many people do you estimate live there?

Remember that most of the people in Russia live in cities, so there are still many areas of the country that do not have people living there.



COLOR THE KREMLIN

There are almost 40 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Russia. One of them, The Kremlin, is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. Color it below:





PLAN A LITERARY JOURNEY

Russia is home to the UNESCO City of Literature city of Ulyanovsk. One of their annual traditions is a literary tram. During the ride, the passengers on the tram listen to someone reciting bits of literature. Think of some of your favorite books. If you could go on a literary tram tour through your town, which books and poems would you want read and where would you want the tram to go?

Tram's Itinerary:

Books for the trip;



CREATE A KANDINSKY

Wassily Kandinsky is one of Russia's famous painters. He's credited with painting the first fully abstract art. According to dictionary.com, abstract art is "*A trend in painting and sculpture in the twentieth century. Abstract art seeks to break away from traditional representation of physical objects. It explores the relationships of forms and colors, whereas more traditional art represents the world in recognizable images.*"

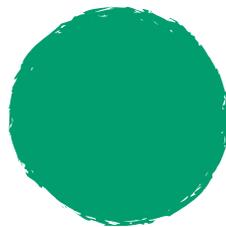
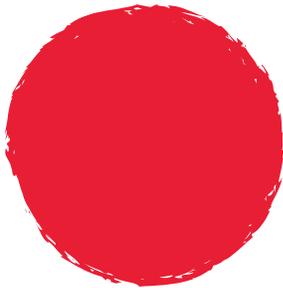
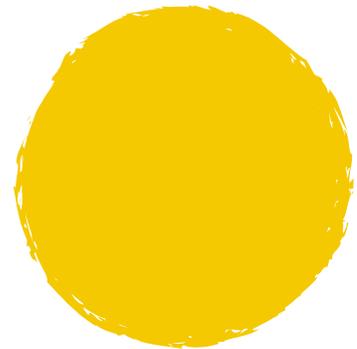
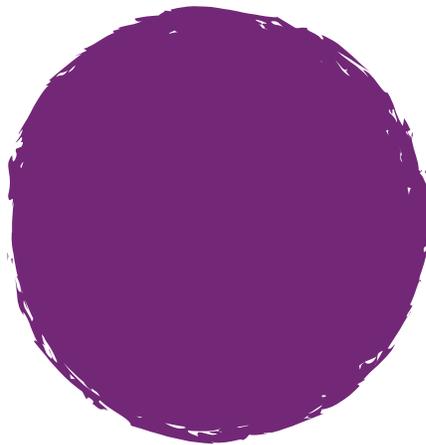
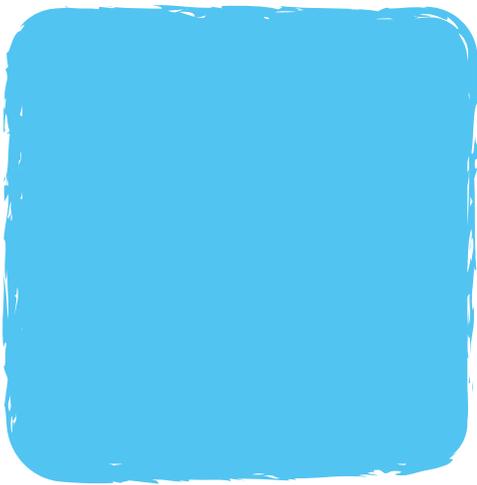
One of his famous pieces is called "Squares with Concentric Circles". Below you'll find a piece **INSPIRED** by Kandinsky. On the next page, I have some tools to help you create your own Kandinsky-inspired art.





CREATE A KANDINSKY

Use the shapes below as templates. Cut out 9, 12, or 16 pieces of each from different colors of construction paper. Then assemble them together to form your own Kandinsky. Perfection is not the point, fun is.





A RUSSIAN-THEMED CELEBRATION

Celebrate all you've learned about Russia with these tips:

- 1. Pick a date. Either at the end of your Russian-learning experience or use one of the Russian Holidays on the post as guidance.**
- 2. Print out and display Russian flags and Russian art that you've learned about.**
- 3. Make some treats from the Russian cookbooks, or pick out some options on the website Food By Country.**
- 4. Start the celebration by playing the Russian National Anthem. Play other music from a Russian Spotify Playlist, or the KidsTravelBooks post called "Russian Children's Songs"**
- 5. For other activities check out my post called "Russian Children's Games." You can also make the "Create Kandinsky" activity found in this printable. Or you can even take your friends on the Ulyanovsk-inspired literary tram tour.**
- 6. Don't forget to end the celebration with the Russian National Anthem.**



WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

Draw or write about some of the sights you'd like to see if you visited Russia:



