## Moscow

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### Answer the questions:

- 1. What is Moscow famous for?
- 2. On what river does Moscow stand on?
- 3. Why is Moscow the seat of the Russian government?
- 4. What other important institutions are there in Moscow?
- 5. What is the central square called?
- 6. What can a visitor see there?
- 7. What is the most famous theatre called?

Moscow, the capital of Russia, is one of ancient Russian cities.

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It was founded by Prince Yuri Dolgoruki in 1147.

## The city stands on the Moskva River.

Moscow is the country's political, economic, religious, financial, educational and transportation centre.

## Its total area is about 900 sq. km.

## About 11 million people live in Moscow.

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Moscow is the seat of the Russian Government.

## It is a financial and business centre of the country.

Paveletskaya Tower, a business centre

### The "Moscow International Business Centre"





The Supreme Court of Russia is a place where laws are interpreted.

## Moscow is one of the most popular tourist destinations.

The heart of Moscow is the Kremlin.

### Its 20 towers attract tourists from all over the world.

The main tower is the Spasskaya Tower. The famous clock called Kuranty strikes on it. On top you can see a ruby star. Its diameter is 1.5 metre. The Kremlin Armoury is one of the oldest museums of Moscow, established in 1808 and located in the Moscow Kremlin.

It contains collections of weapons, ewelry and various household articles of the tsars. Monomakh's Cap was the crown of all Muscovite Grand Princes and Tsars from Dmitri Donskoi to Peter the Great. The Tsar Cannon on the territory of the Kremlin is 5.34 m long and weighs about 40 tons. It was made by A. Chokhov in 1594. The Tsar Bell is 6.24 m high and weighs about 200 tons. Its diameter is 6.6m. It was made by I.F. Matorin and M.I. Matorin in 1733-1735.



Near the Kremlin Wall there is the Unknown Soldier's Grave. People come here to honour the unknown soldiers killed during the Second World War.

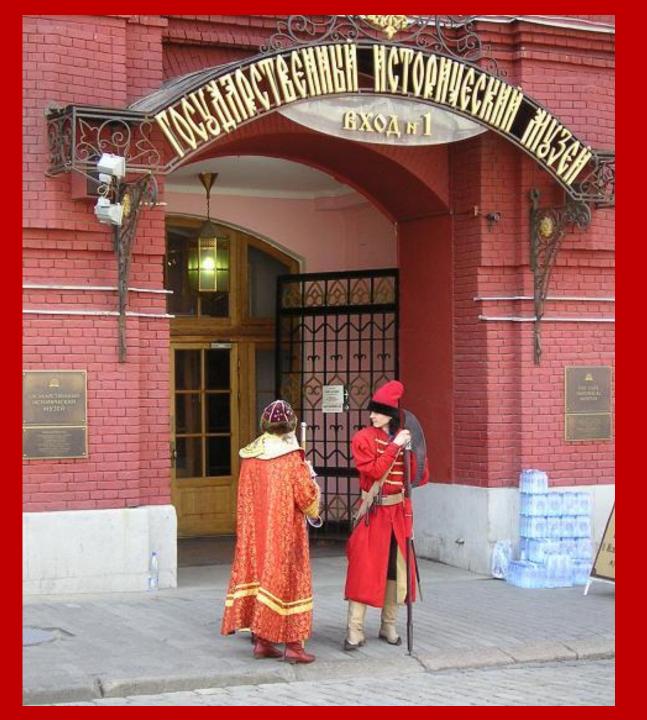
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### One of the most famous sights is Red Square.

St. Basil's Cathedral was erected in 1555- 60 by two architects Postnik and Barma. The monument to Minin and Pozharski was designed by Ivan Martos in 1818.

Its height is 8.8 m.

### The Moscow State Historical museum of Russia was founded in 1872.



The total number of objects in the museum's collection numbers in the millions.

#### Kazan Cathedral is also located in Red Square. It commemorates the liberation from the Polish aggressors in 1612.

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