

Summary: Russia

School in Moscow

People go to school all over the world. Moscow is the capital of Russia. It has about 1,600 schools. In some ways, schools in Moscow are like schools in the United States. School is important to both Russians and Americans. It gives people the skills they need to get good jobs.

In Moscow, most children between the ages of 6 and 17 go to school. Russian students learn about math and science. Younger students study the Russian language, stories, and history. Students that want to learn other languages can go to special schools. Younger students finish their classes around 12 P.M. Older students finish at 3 P.M.

Russian Customs

In Moscow, some school customs are different than customs in the United States. Students of all ages often go to school in the same building. In the United States, younger students usually go to their own school. Winters in Moscow are very cold. Students don't have recess outside. Students play in big halls inside the schools.

Russian students also learn about manners. Many students stand when a teacher walks into the room. Some students raise their hands in a special way. They keep their elbows on their desks and lift just the front of their arms.

Many students in Moscow participate in projects to make their communities better. Students might plant a garden at their school. The projects teach students to be good citizens.



Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

custom *noun*, something that members of a group usually do

participate *verb*, to take part in something



After You Read

REVIEW Why is school important to people in Russia and the United States?

What do people learn in school to get them good jobs? Underline the sentence that tells the answer.

REVIEW What are some Russian school customs? Highlight five Russian school customs that are different from school customs in the United States.