

Moscow, Tretyakov Gallery

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My name is Sofia and I live in Moscow – the capital of Russia. It is very beautiful town with big history. And I like visit different interesting places and museums. There are many galleries in Moscow. But my favourite is the Tretyakov Gallery.

This is one of the famous and well-known picture galleries in our country and all over the world.

The State Tretyakov Gallery is situated in a Russian-looking building in the centre of Moscow. This gallery is named after its founder Peter Tretyakov.

He began to collect Russian paintings in 1856. He wanted these paintings to be seen by people. This gallery and collections of paintings were nationalized in 1918. The first works in Tretyakov's collection were the paintings of the "Pere-dvizhniki". The collector bought paintings "Morning in a Pine Wood" by Shish-kin and "Ivan Tsarevich on the Grey Wolf "by Vasnetsov. The gallery has got many halls. There are halls devoted to the great Russian painters of the 18th and 19th centuries.

We can see pictures by such painters as Serov, Repin, Ivanov, Levitan and others.

You can see the landscapes "After Rain" and "Golden Autumn". These paintings by Levitan are beautiful. I like to see his paintings because he is one of my favourite artists. I compare his painting "Golden Autumn" with the poem "Autumn" by Pushkin. There are some paintings by Repin in the Tretyakov Gallery.

His paintings are connected with the history of our country. For example, his painting "Ivan Grozny Murders His Son Ivan". There are some portraits of Lev Tolstoy and a self-portrait of Repin in this hall. I like the painting "Trinity" by Andrei Rublyov. This work reflects the life and soul of the Russian people. This gallery has many new exhibits now. You can see works of the painters of the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century there. I like works by Petrov-Vodkin. I think that he is a very talented painter.

