Russian Art

1. **GO to the rooms shaded in gold on the map.**

2. **USE the close-ups to find the art in each room.**

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**A  ENTRY HALL**
Catherine the Great, a ruler of Russia, holds a gold wand called a scepter. Below the scepter is a large crown and a golden orb, shaped like a globe with a cross on top.

*Portrait of Empress Catherine II (reign, 1762–96), attributed to Dimitrii Grigorievich Levitskii, after Alexander Roslin, St. Petersburg, about 1788, oil on canvas (51.56)*

**B  RUSSIAN PORCELAIN ROOM**
This squirrel sits on a covered cup. Russians used cups like this at feasts honoring knights who were awarded for their bravery. The squirrel works hard to crack the nut, just as people had to work hard to get the award.

*Cup from the Order of St. George Service, Gardner Factory, Verbilki, Russia, 1700s, porcelain (25.4.7–8)*

**B  RUSSIAN PORCELAIN ROOM**
This eagle has two heads! It is the official symbol of the Romanov family, who ruled Russia for more than 300 years.

*Flooring, William J. Erbe Company, Phillip Remler, New York, 1957, wood marquetry, mother-of-pearl (34.83)*

Where else do you see double-headed eagles?

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This hinge allows the egg to open like a box. Nicholas II, Russia’s ruler, gave the egg to his mother for Easter. It used to have a “surprise” inside—tiny portraits of Nicholas’s father.

How many more eggs can you find?

Saint George rides a white horse while slaying a dragon. This type of religious painting is called an icon.

Empress Alexandra wears a tiara decorated with pearls and diamonds and shaped like a Russian headdress, called a kokoshnik (pronounced kuh-koe-shnik). This small painting of the empress is on the cover of a decorated pink notebook.

This man wears a fur coat, boots, and mittens to keep warm, because he is from a cold place in eastern Russia.

What clothes do you see on the nearby statues?