

## **Moscow Troika Races**

### **Classroom Lesson Plans and Activities**

#### **Classroom Activity** “Tell us about your Troika”

Language Arts and History      Grades 5-6

In this activity, students will read about the Russian Troika:

[http://www.horses.ru/horsemanship/main\\_troika.htm](http://www.horses.ru/horsemanship/main_troika.htm)

They will then visit the following site displaying Troika paintings:

<http://www.therussianshop.com/russhop/paintings/panotroikas.htm>

Based on what they have read, have them choose one painting and write a one page story in the first person describing their own Troika race. They are to describe the setting including the date, and name their characters and horses. Ask them to concentrate on selecting colorful adjectives and using strong action verbs.