

1 Read about musical history in Russia.

Russia has a very interesting musical history and some of the most famous classical composers were born there. Probably the most famous Russian composer was Tchaikovsky. He wrote the music for three of the most famous ballets ever: *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *The Nutcracker*.



Anna Pavlova



It's a Fact!

Russia is the biggest country in the world. It is almost two times the size of the United States!



Anna Pavlova was a Russian ballet dancer who danced in Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. Anna studied ballet for many years and worked very hard. Her teachers soon realized that she could dance very well. She performed in ballets all over the world. After a visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1926, a chef made a special dessert with her name – the delicious "pavlova."



2 Find and write.

- 1 What does a composer do?
- 2 What are *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *The Nutcracker*?
- 3 Why was Anna Pavlova special?
- 4 Name two reasons why her name is famous today.