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The Red Square

The Red Square located in the center of Moscow, Russia has had many different phases over history from the slum to the main square where the Kremlin and the president's house are located. The origin of the name is not from the red brick buildings nor the fact that square was once a place of public execution. The name comes from a Russian word that used to mean beautiful but now means red. Today the red square is considered by most to be the center of the city because it is the origin of most of the major roads. The Red Square is most famously known for hosting military parades during WWI and then a victory march at the end when German documents were stomped on and again in 2000 for the 50th anniversary of World War 2 celebration. In the 1400's, Ivan III cleaned up the square by removing all the homeless and drunk people, but public execution and mob gatherings continued to happen there. Nowadays the square is home to many concerts and fashion shows and other sorts of big events. A few attractions of the Red Square are the St. Basil Cathedral, the Kremlin, State Museum, GUM Store, Lenin Mausoleum, Kazan Cathedral, and the V. Gates. The Red Square is a magnificent place that displays the vibrant culture and advanced technology of Russia. I would like to one day visit the Red Square and learn in more depth about its' rich history.