

Easter
(April 5, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? Fabergé eggs, very special and precious eggs, decorated with gold, jewels, and sometimes a surprise inside.

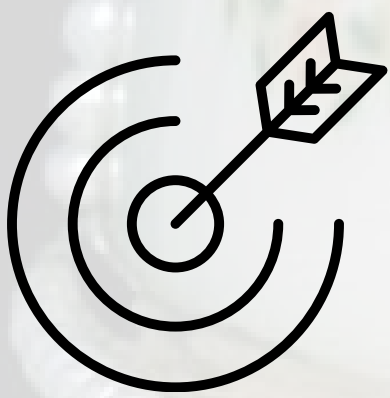
Who? A jeweler named Carl Fabergé and the emperors of Russia (the tsars), who gifted these eggs to their families.

Where? In Russia, over 100 years ago.

When? Between approximately 1885 and 1917.

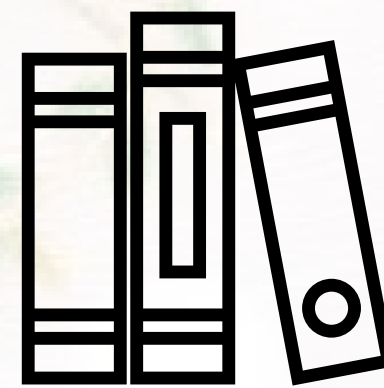
Why is it important? Because these Easter eggs are among the most precious jewels and demonstrate extraordinary craftsmanship.

For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Fabergé eggs.



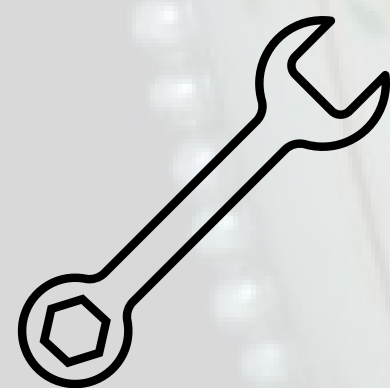
OBJECTIVES

- Discover Fabergé eggs and their history
- Understand why some objects are very valuable
- Compare values using simple data
- Write a descriptive and persuasive text
- Present an idea clearly and convincingly



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture and Society**
 - History of Russia
 - Historical Objects
- **Mathematics**
 - Comparing Values
 - Simple Calculations
- **French**
 - Reading and Comprehension
 - Writing
 - Persuasive Writing



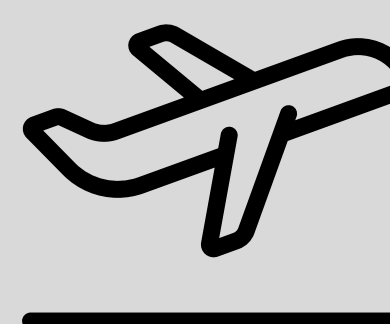
COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Analyze a message
- Make connections between different pieces of information
- Organize your ideas
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they have ever received an Easter gift.
- Ask them what the most valuable gift they know is.
- Discuss the value of objects (why are some more expensive?).
- Show a picture of a Fabergé egg.
- Ask: How much do you think this object is worth?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Unique Eggs in the World. Discovery of the origin of Fabergé eggs using a website and Wikipedia. Answers to four comprehension questions.

Q1 — Tsar Alexander III, in 1885.

Q2 — Fifty.

Q3 — First Egg for the Hen.

Q4 — The Constellation Egg.

STEP 2 — A Matter of Eggs. Solving math problems based on the prices of certain Fabergé eggs. Answers to four calculation questions.

Q5 — \$144 million.

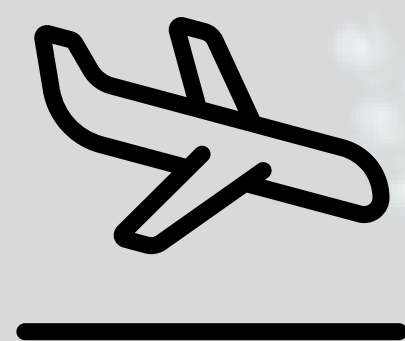
Q6 — \$14.8 million.

Q7 — The Rothschild egg.

Q8 — Approximately 33 buses.

STEP 3 — To Sell an Egg. Writing of an advertisement to sell a Fabergé egg based on a visual. Answer to an open-ended question.

Q9 — Variable Answer.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group review of what the students have learned
- Discuss what surprised them most (price, objects, story)
- Ask if the price of these eggs is justified
- Compare them with other valuable objects



FURTHER EXPLORATION

Fabergé Museum

<https://fabergemuseum.ru/en/>



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This is the Rosebud Egg, made by Fabergé in 1895.

The egg opens to reveal a yellow enameled rosebud, which originally contained two surprises: a miniature version of the Imperial Russian crown with diamonds and two rubies, and a ruby egg-shaped pendant suspended from it.



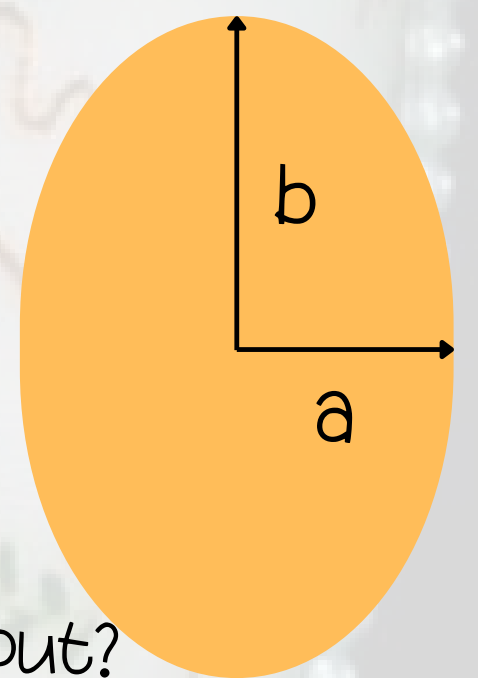
Let's try to calculate the approximate area of this egg using the formula for calculating the area of an ellipse. An egg and an ellipse aren't very different!

To find the area of an ellipse, you need three pieces of information: (1) the height of the egg, (2) its width, and (3) the number π (pi).

Here is the formula for the area of an ellipse: $(\text{half the width}) \times (\text{half the height}) \times \pi$

Here is the information you need:

- Height: 74 millimeters
- Width: 30 millimeters
- Number of pi (π): 3.14



Your answer should give an approximate area of 3500 square millimeters. Can you figure it out?

Draw your imperial egg!

- Give your egg a name.
- Indicate who it is created for.
- What materials do you want to add to your egg (gold, diamonds, pearls, etc.)?
- Imagine the surprise inside the egg and draw it.

