

**1 slide** Dear friends, I'm glad to present you my project «The role of the teacher in human life».

**2 slide** The project aim is to find out and evaluate the role of the teacher, S.A. Rachinsky, in the person's life. The project tasks are to analyze and describe the pedagogical activity of S.A. Rachinsky, its impact on development of the student's personality.

**3 slide** And I'm going to tell you about one famous Russian teacher, Sergey Alexandrovich Rachinsky, and his role in life of his students.

**4 slide** One day we went on an excursion to the Tretyakov Gallery. The guide paid our attention to a painting by a famous Russian artist Bogdanov-Belsky. It was «Mental arithmetic».

I'm sure you are familiar with this work. In this painting we can see a classroom in a Russian izba. The children are wearing poor clothes - bast shoes, trousers and shirts. They are doing a math problem. The teacher, Sergey Rachinsky, is sitting on the bench. One boy is whispering his answer to the teacher.

**5 slide** Sergey Rachinsky, a professor of botany and mathematics, left his prestigious job at the Moscow State University and went to his family estate Tatevo. There he started an experimental folk school at his own expense.

This school became for Rachinsky his lifework. He taught the Church Slavonic language, the Law of God, arithmetic and literacy to the children. School became his whole life. Rachinsky, who had no family, spent all his time with the children. He loved children and children loved him.

**6 slide** Another painting by Bogdanov-Belsky, "At the school doors", is in the State Russian museum in St.Petersburg. It shows a shepherd boy standing at the open door of the classroom.

Many people know this painting, but hardly everybody knows that this painting is autobiographical.

Kolya Bogdanov was from a very poor peasant family. Sergey Rachinsky took the boy to his school. The teacher saw the boy's artistic talent and helped him to get education.

**7 slide** Bogdanov-Belsky didn't know his father. He got the surname Bogdanov that means «God-given». The second part of his surname he got while graduating from the Art Academy. The emperor, Nikolay II, wrote down the second part of the surname «Belsky» (the name of the region where the artist was born) into the diploma of the artist.

**8 slide** In this slide you can see some other paintings by Bogdanov-Belskiy: Students, Inspiration, New fairytale, Learning is light, In classroom. «Sunday reading in a village school» was in the collection of Alexander III.

The most part of works by Bogdanov-Belsky are devoted to peasant life, his school and his beloved teacher.

**9 slide** These are the words of Nikolay Bogdanov-Belsky about his teacher, Sergey Alexandrovich Rachinsky, «...an amazing person, a teacher of life. I owe him everything, everything... – It's only one of numerous examples in history of Russian education when a teacher was not only a teacher, but a true father for his student.

**10 slide** Thank you for attention!