Objective: Lermontov manipulates perspective to expose the inherent flaws of our perception.

Paragraph 1: Maxim Maximych

QUOTES:

- "A charming fellow he was, I can assure you" (23)
- "[H]e caused me no end of trouble, though this... is not what I remember him by" (23)
- "I was again nonplussed" (34)
- "Matter of fact, I knew all along that [Pechorin] was a volatile fellow on whom one could not rely" (64)

Paragraph 2: Grushnitsky

QUOTES:

- "Grushnitsky has the reputation of an exceptionally brave man" (85)
- "[Grusnitsky has] ready made pompous phrases" (84)
- "'Well, so much the worse for you'" (105) \rightarrow Pride
- "'I despise myself and hate you'" (155) \rightarrow Pride

Paragraph 3: Princess Mary

QUOTES:

- "[Princess Mary] accuses herself of having treated [Pechorin] coldly" (126)
- "Either you despise me, or love me very much!" (133)
- "'I hate you" (162)