

Tolstoy Q's:

- 1) Is ending of story happy or sad
- 2) Characters happy or sad
- 3) Characters admirable/not, moral/not
- A) What does book make us do, how to live

^{patronymic}
Lev Nikolaevich Tolstoy formal address informal = Lev
Anna Nikolaevna Tolstaya friend = Lyova
ovich wife/diary = Lyovushka
ovna èva
middle not last

Fyodor Mikhailovich formal

Fyodor

Felya

Fedinka warm & friendly,

Fedka almost disrespectful / little kids

Bio

Born in 1828 Died 1910 (unusually late) Tolstoy

1860

1904

Chokov

1700 Peter the Great turns towards West, aristocracy, learn French

Grew up with German & French manners, learned French 100%, later learned German & English

Peasantry didn't change with aristocracy, some women never learned Russian much

growing rift between aristocrats & peasants

peasants Orthodox believers 15th century

understand both worlds, wide range of philosophies, look as insider & outsider

Youngest of 4 brothers, Lyova, very sensitive, younger sister (not talked about)

went to college for a couple years (Univ of Kazan), diplomat And. & Turkin, Law, drops out

were fairly rich (aristocrats)

Mother died @ 17.5 y/o, father typical not very involved, @ 8 y/o died


aunts & grandmothers take care & die, 2 brothers die

@ 15 y/o older brother takes to prostitute, beginning of problematic relationship w/ sex

divided up estates, got the childhood home, yet own lives of peasants, failed

joined Army (Coxes?), like the wild West, got venereal disease, mercury cure do nothing for 2 weeks

wrote about childhood, became famous writer

Moscow & Petersburg , lived with Turdenya, thought smart but tragically
Culture Shift

1880 has a spiritual crisis

1852 "(childhood)"

1862 married

1863 start "War & Peace"

1873 start "Anna Karenina"

decides life lived was worthless, everything destroyed by death

everything up to 1880 was 'not good', devoted to spirituality, writes confession, turns into a crankpot

greatest spiritual entity in Russia (maybe world), became like peasants

able to get better into minds of female characters

admires humility, accept death & suffering

Harmonization of the Gospels, 90% of Bible is lies & distortions, 5 principles on the Mount

Diaries, find out what life is, used to try to make himself a better person