Russian Fairy Tales Notes

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**Soviet Power and Fairy Tales**

* Marxism != communism
  + Marxism is a system of analysis
  + Communism is a political model
* Glorified the industrial working class
* Soviet Culture
  + Proletarian – working class
  + Didactic – supposed to learn something from the culture
  + Rational – rooted in reason and analysis
  + Urban – glorified city life
  + Modern – celebrate the newness of the world
  + Militaristic/Adventurous – defend the proletarian state
  + Utopian
* Nadezhda Krupsaki
  + Fairy tales reinforce bourgeois values
  + Wealth as reward
  + “Harmful influence on fragile consciousness of a child”
* But—
  + Grounded in creativity of people
  + Re-enter library circulation
* Tales begin to reflect values