**Historical Analysis of Leo Tolstoy, *Hadji Murat* and Alexander Pushkin, *Journey to Arzrum***

From its scenery to the culture and people, Russia has had an indisputably colorful background. In order to analyze the historical importance and relevance of events and paint a picture of Russia’s workings, it is necessary to include not only readings completed over the course of this semester, but it is necessary to bring other firsthand accounts into perspective.

* Russians surprised that Chechnians are civilized p14
* Chechnians have gambling problem, lose all money, “borrow” from other places to pay off debt
* Heavy drinkers (checknians)
* Need a sense of excitement, hwant to get out of st Petersburg life
* Nicholas portrayed in very bad light
  + People lie to him just to appease
  + Lacks morals – justifies cheating on wife by saying other woman not as pretty
* Shamil leader of chechnia and hadji both portrayed in very good light
* Hadji goes through motions at theater showing he doesn’t care for the nobility way of life

Relate this to the tale of to generals where they get fed by the peasant