



Discover The Greats:

An Introduction to 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature

*During this course, we will look at a selection of extracts from the works listed below. We do not expect students to read the full texts nor to purchase any of the books included in this document, as **all necessary reading materials will be provided on the course.***

Week 1: Pushkin and Tyutchev

Alexander Pushkin

Full text: *The Belkin Tales* / Повести Белкина

Short story for the lesson: 'The Shot'

Fyodor Tyutchev

Full text: *Complete poems of Tutchev*

Poem for the lesson: УМОМ РОССИЮ НЕ ПОНЯТЬ / *Utom Rossiyu ne ponyat'* (poem)

Week 2: Turgenev and Lermontov

Ivan Turgenev

Full text: *First love, and other stories* / Первая Любовь

Short story for the lesson: *First Love*

Mikhail Lermontov

Full text: *A Collection of Poems*

Poem for the lesson: 'The Sail' / Парус

Week 3: Fyodor Dostoevsky

Full text: *The Brothers Karamazov*

Texts for the lesson: selected extract(s) to be sent out prior to the class

Short story for the lesson: 'The Christmas Tree and the Wedding'

Week 4: Leo Tolstoy

Full text: *Twenty Three Tales*

Short story for the lesson: 'God Sees the Truth, but Waits'

Full text: *Anna Karenina*

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Week 5: Gogol and Chekhov

Nikolai Gogol

Full text: *The Inspector-General* / Ревизор

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Anton Chekhov

Full text: *Seagull* / Чайка

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Week 6: Bunin and Blok

Ivan Bunin

Full text: *Dark Avenues* (a collection of short stories) / Тёмные аллеи

Short story for the lesson: 'Dark Avenues'

Alexander Blok

Full text: *Selected Poems*

Poem for the lesson: 'Night, street, lamp, and pharmacy' / Ночь, улица, фонарь, аптека

Week 7: Gorky and Akhmatova

Maxim Gorky

Short story for the lesson: 'An Autumn Night' / Однажды осенью

Anna Akhmatova

Full text: *Selected Poems*

Poem for the lesson: 'Hands clasped, under the dark veil' / Сжала руки под темной вуалью

Week 8: Bulgakov and Mayakovsky

Mikhail Bulgakov

Full text: *The Master and Margarita* / Мастер и Маргарита

Texts for the lesson: selected extract(s) to be sent out prior to the class

Vladimir Mayakovsky

Full text: *Poems*

Poem for the lesson: 'Listen!' / Послушайте!
