

RUSSIAN LITERATURE

12th Grade English Block - Mornings, November 14– December 2, 2011
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The Russian land encompasses eleven time zones and climates that range from arctic to subtropical. Russian history encompasses tsars, poets, saints and revolutionaries. Russian literature encompasses strains of hearty laughter, profound sorrow, deep yearnings and an unshakable love of their land. We will read Russian literature in the context of the geography and history from which it arose.

Our readings will include:

- Two fairytales:
“Vasilisa the Beautiful” and “Prince Ivan, the Firebird and the Gray Wolf”
- “The Overcoat” a short story by Nikolai Gogol
- “What Men Live By” a short story by Leo Tolstoy
- “The Cherry Orchard”, a play by Anton Chekhov
- An assortment of 20th-century poetry with special emphasis on “Requiem” by Anna Akhmatova
- Excerpts from “A Precocious Autobiography”, a memoir by Yevgeny Yevtushenko

