

Assignment 4

Compare, Persuade, Debate

- *picture*. The picture is of Fyodor Dostoevsky.
- *literature*. Finish Tolstoy's *The Death of Ivan Ilych*. This coming week we will continue to talk about Tolstoy's work as a social satire. You will also read an excerpt from Fyodor Dostoevsky's *Brothers Karamazov* and Leo Tolstoy's "Alyosha the Pot." Prepare to discuss the similarity in the characterization of Gerasim of Tolstoy's *Death of Ivan Ilych* with 1) Alyosha of Tolstoy's story and 2) Alyosha of the excerpt from Dostoevsky's novel. Russian novelists often wrote about the "noble peasant." Compare the way in which the pious young peasant or young religious man is portrayed in the works and be able to discuss your observations in class. Nothing needs to be written out.
- *essay*. Finish the essay. The format of the paper should be the following:
 - *format of essay*. Remember that this is a six-paragraph essay and should contain an introduction, four (or more) body paragraphs and a conclusion. The introduction should broach your topic of discussion and include any information necessary for your reader to understand your paper. The last sentence of your introduction should contain your main idea. You should have at least three body paragraphs talking about a similarity and one paragraph talking about a difference. The body paragraphs should be introduced with a transitional expression: One similarity, another similarity, etc. and contain a topic sentence, explanation, and quoted textual evidence. The conclusion should expand on the significances of the similarities and difference.
 - *name and date*. Name and date should be on the upper right hand corner of the paper
 - *title of your essay*. Think of a title the captures your thesis. You may use a subtitle.
 - *spacing and font*. Make sure that you double space your essay and that you use Times New Roman or a similar font, 12 pt.
- Review the details of the Tolstoy's novel for an in-class quiz.

