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Required Text:

War and Peace, Tolstoy (Maude trans.)

We will read and discuss this great work, spending Monday through Thursday covering the required reading of 85 pages per weekday and 150 pages over the weekend. On Fridays we will watch the Russian movie version to see on film what we have experiencing in language. Monday's quiz will include questions that have to do with the movie, as will the final exam.

General comments:

Eight o'clock classes are tough, for all of us, but I do expect you to be here just as you expect me to be. We will also be doing a fair amount of reading, so do not fall behind. The daily quizzes should help you to stay current, but remember, you have two papers to write as well. I say this not to scare you away but to make you aware that this course will require your keeping up; otherwise, the novel will become more burden than joy. The class will also get boring for you if you fall behind, but please realize that students can be as tedious as teachers sometimes, especially if they have not done the work.

Having said that, let me also say that we'd better have some fun in here or I won't show up either. I encourage your ideas, opinions, and speculations as we travel with Tolstoy's timeless heroes in search of ourselves.

Requirements/Grading:

1. class participation
2. daily quizzes
3. two papers
   a. one analytical, 3-5 pages, typed, double-spaced with title page;
   b. one personal/speculative; 6-8 pages, typed, double-spaced with title page;
4. comprehensive final exam