

The Full Essence of Life: Leo Tolstoy and Feodor Dostoyevsky

- I) The Russian Novelist — Especially Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky
 - A) Adventure and Suspense
 - B) Irony and Metaphor
 - C) Comedy and Tragedy
 - D) Great Characters
 - E) Theological/Philosophical Importance

- II) Leo Tolstoy (Count Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy 9/9/1828 – 11/20/1910)
 - A) Biographical Notes
 - B) His Theology and Christian Pilgrimage
 - C) Tolstoy's Greatest Writings
 - i) *War and Peace*
 - ii) *Anna Karenina*
 - iii) *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*
 - iv) *Resurrection*

- III) Feodor Dostoyevsky (Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky 11/11/1821 – 2/9/1881)
 - A) Biographical Notes
 - B) His Theology and Christian Pilgrimage
 - C) Dostoyevsky's Greatest Writings
 - i) *The Brothers Karamazov*
 - ii) *The Idiot*
 - iii) *Crime and Punishment*
 - iv) *The Possessed*
 - v) *Notes from the Underground*

- IV) Compare and Contrast the Two Writers
 - Having fallen from the ideals of God (Tolstoy), we have the outstanding possibility of landing in the safety net of grace (Dostoyevsky).*