

Russian 345

Tolstoy and Dostoevsky

Topics for oral presentations, Sept 11 – 13.

*Hadji Murad:*

- language and the language(s) of culture: proverbs, telegrams, French...
- politics and religion
- role of women; sexuality
- role of fate/destiny in the life of man
- moral choices and moral suasion
- cultures in conflict: Russia and the Caucasus
- geography of the region (a few maps and keys)
- meaning of death, war

Other Tolstoy, or any stories:

- metonymy (synecdoche) and metaphor
- shifting point of view
- time in Tolstoy
- family relationships
- other!!

Presentations may be from five to ten minutes, followed by a brief question period. If several students chose the same topic, they make work together or as a panel.