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Topic: THE WORLD OF THE COSSACKS IN THE LITERARY OEUVRE OF L.N. TOLSTOY

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Relevance of the research topic: is related to the revision of historical events in the crisis changes, including a rethinking of the role and nature of the Cossacks, as well as the implementation of this literary phenomenon. Russian classical literature has always tried to convey to the modern reader a considerable moral force, which was founded in the traditions and mentality of the Cossacks, his patriotism, freedom, courage, everything that attracts a lot of attention to the Cossacks, to their dramatic history, as reflected in the literature, and in the XXI century. This work is devoted to studying the world of the Cossacks, and the specifics of his literary refraction in the Tolstoy's works.

Purpose of the work is to study the specificity of the aesthetic world of the Cossacks in Tolstoy's works.

Tasks:

- to consider the theme of the Cossacks in the socio-cultural and literary process of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries;
- to show the specificity of the phenomenon of the Cossacks;
- to define the role assigned by L.N. Tolstoy to the Cossacks in the history of Russia;
- to reveal the literary features in the image theme of the Cossacks by distinguished writer;
- to show the evolution of the theme of the Cossacks in the Tolstoy's works.

The theoretical and practical significance of the research. This work directly relates to the solution of the theoretical problems of the history of the Cossacks and the history of the literary process of the second half of the XIX century. The results of research can be used in teaching of Russian literature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the senior classes of secondary schools, lyceums and gymnasiums.

The results of the study lie in review of the specifics of the aesthetic world of the Cossacks in the Tolstoy's works. Two rich and powerful cultures, Russian and Caucasian, quirky and surprisingly joined in the Cossacks. This fact caused not only their uniqueness and charm, but also a deep drama, understanding by writer.

