

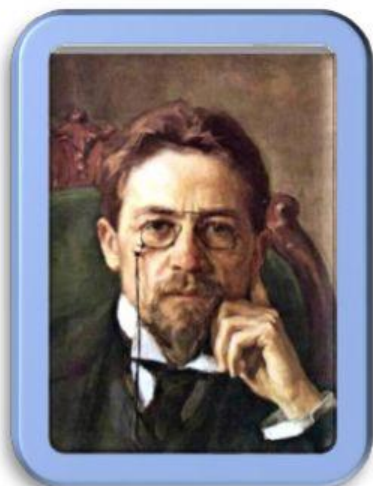




• Task 2. Fill in the correct word

1. A writer is a person who writes books.
2. .... is a person who writes humorous stories.
3. .... is a person who writes novels.
4. .... is a person who writes short stories.
5. .... is a person who writes plays.
6. .... is a person who writes poems.
7. .... is a writer of a book, article, play etc.
8. .... is a person who writes essays that are published.

Task 3. Listen to Chekhov's short biography twice and complete the table fill the missing information into the gaps



Chekhov was a Russian _____ and a master of a modern short story	_____
His father Pavel Chekhov had	a _____ shop
A. Chekhov entered Moscow first medical state University	in _____
In Melikhovo he worked as a _____	_____
The only play he wrote during the Melikhovo's period was The _____	_____
The estate in Melikhovo was _____	_____



- **Task 4. Read the biography and complete the table by finding the necessary information in the text**
- **Alexander Pushkin** was the greatest Russian poet, playwright, and novelist of the Romantic era. He is considered by many to be the founder of modern Russian literature.
- He was born in Moscow on 6th June 1799 into a noble family belonging to the “cream” of Moscow society. Pushkin's father, Sergei Pushkin was descended from a distinguished family of the Russian nobility. Pushkin's mother, Nadezhda Gannibal was descended through her paternal grandmother from German and Scandinavian nobility.
- Alexander received his early education at home. He was taught by French tutors and spoke mostly French until the age of ten. He became acquainted with the Russian language through communication with household serfs and his nanny, Arina Rodionovna. He composed his first poem at the age of eight. He finished school, as part of the first graduating class of the prestigious Imperial Lyceum in Tsarskoe Selo, near Saint Petersburg. His first long poem “*Ruslan and Lyudmila*” was published in 1820 and he became famous.
- Later Alexander Pushkin created a lot of poems and other literary works such as “*Eugene Onegin*”, “*The Captain's Daughter*”, “*Boris Godunov*” and many fairytales “*the Tale of the Fishman and the Fish*” etc.
- He died after a duel at the age of 37 in Saint Petersburg, Russian Empire on 10th February 1837 and was buried in Svyatogorsk Monastery near his family estate Mikhailovskoye.

Born (place and date)	in Moscow on 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 1799
Died (place and date)	
Parents	
Childhood and Youth	
Education	
Occupation	
Genre	
Works	
Interesting facts	



## Task 5. Match the writers' full names with their portraits. There is one extra full name.

(Drag the writers' full names and drop them under the portraits)

## Task 6. Match the biographies with writers' portraits.

Nikolai Gogol

Anton Chekhov

Mikhail Lermontov

Gavriil Derzhavin

Leo Tolstoy

Denis Fonvizin

1



2



3



4



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A

<b>Born</b>	In Yasnaya Polyana, on 9th September 1828
<b>Died</b>	At Astapovo railway station, on 20th November 1910 (aged 82)
<b>Childhood and Youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the fourth of five children</li> <li>was brought up by relatives</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	was taught by a French tutor; graduated from Imperial Kazan University
<b>Occupation</b>	Novelist, short story writer, playwright, essayist
<b>Genre</b>	Novel, drama, short story, essay
<b>Well-known works</b>	War and Peace, Anna Karenina, Resurrection
<b>Interesting facts</b>	Was nominated for the Nobel Prize many times and never received it.

B

<b>Born</b>	in Sorochyntsi, 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 1809
<b>Died</b>	In Moscow, 21 February 1852 (aged 42)
<b>Childhood and Youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The third child of 12 children</li> <li>spent his childhood in his parents' estate in Vasilievka</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnasium in Poltava</li> <li>a school of higher art</li> </ul>
<b>Occupation</b>	Playwright, short story writer, novelist
<b>Genre</b>	Novel, drama, short story, poet
<b>Well-known works</b>	The Nose, Viy, The Overcoat, Nevsky Prospekt, The Government Inspector, Dead Souls
<b>Interesting facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>liked knitting, cooking, his favourite drink - milk called Gogol-mogol</li> </ul>

C

<b>Born</b>	in Taganrog, on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 1860
<b>Died</b>	in Badenweiler in German Empire, on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1904 (aged 44)
<b>Childhood and Youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>was the third of six children;</li> <li>sang in choirs in churches every day.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attended the Greek School in Taganrog and the Taganrog Gymnasium;</li> <li>graduated from Moscow University (the medical faculty)</li> </ul>
<b>Occupation</b>	Doctor, playwright and short story writer
<b>Genre</b>	Drama, short stories, humorous stories
<b>Well-known works</b>	Three sisters, The Seagull, The Cherry Orchard, Uncle Vanya, Kashtanka etc
<b>Interesting facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is one of the 3 most cinematized writers in the world along with W. Shakespeare</li> <li>His fans (mostly women) were called «antonovki»</li> </ul>