



Practice Worksheet on Taras Shevchenko's Life and Works

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Long Answer Questions

1. Describe Taras Shevchenko's father and his influence on his son's life.
2. Explain the circumstances that led to Shevchenko's difficult childhood after his father's death.
3. Discuss Shevchenko's early interest in art and how it developed.
4. Describe the events that led to Shevchenko's emancipation from serfdom.
5. Summarize Shevchenko's artistic training and influences.
6. Explain the significance of Shevchenko's publication of "Kobzar".
7. Describe Shevchenko's involvement in the Kyrylo-Mefodiyivske Brotherhood and

its repercussions.

8. What were the conditions of Shevchenko's exile, and how did it impact his creative work?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. In what year was Taras Shevchenko born?

- a) 1784
- b) 1814
- c) 1844
- d) 1794

2. Which city is Shevchenko most closely associated with?

- a) Lviv
- b) Kyiv
- c) Odesa
- d) Kharkiv

3. What was Shevchenko's main profession?

- a) Painter
- b) Sculptor
- c) Poet and artist
- d) Composer

4. Which country is Taras Shevchenko from?

- a) Poland
- b) Ukraine
- c) Russia

d) Belarus

5. Which book is considered Shevchenko's masterpiece?

- a) The Aeneid
- b) The Divine Comedy
- c) Kobzar
- d) Don Quixote

6. In what year did Shevchenko first publish "Kobzar"?

- a) 1830
- b) 1840
- c) 1850
- d) 1860

7. What was one of the major hardships Shevchenko faced?

- a) Serfdom
- b) Poverty
- c) Exile
- d) Illness

8. Where is Taras Shevchenko buried?

- a) Moscow
- b) Kaniv
- c) Kyiv
- d) Peterburg

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Describe Taras Shevchenko's father and his influence on his son's life.

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's father was a farmer, wheelwright, and peddler who could read and write, foreshadowing Taras's future success.

2. Explain the circumstances that led to Shevchenko's difficult childhood after his father's death.

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's stepmother forced him out of his home after his father died, leading to poverty and servitude.

3. Discuss Shevchenko's early interest in art and how it developed.

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's artistic talent emerged early in his childhood, he was gifted in drawing and painting.

4. Describe the events that led to Shevchenko's emancipation from serfdom.

Expected Answer: In 1837, Shevchenko wrote the poem "Prichina", which, along with the efforts of other artists, led to his purchase from serfdom.

5. Summarize Shevchenko's artistic training and influences.

Expected Answer: Shevchenko studied at the Academy of Arts and was heavily influenced by the works of great artists.

6. Explain the significance of Shevchenko's publication of "Kobzar".

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's first published collection of poetry, "Kobzar", was released in 1840, which gained him recognition and success.

7. Describe Shevchenko's involvement in the Kyrylo-Mefodiyivske Brotherhood and

its repercussions.

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's involvement with the Kyrylo-Mefodiyivske Brotherhood led to his arrest and exile. The group was dedicated to the liberation of Ukraine.

8. What were the conditions of Shevchenko's exile, and how did it impact his creative work?

Expected Answer: Shevchenko's exile to Orenburg involved physical and mental hardship, yet he continued his artistic work. His travels there enriched his writing.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

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Correct Answer: 1814

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Correct Answer: Kyiv

3. What was Shevchenko's main profession?

Correct Answer: Poet and artist

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Correct Answer: Ukraine

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Correct Answer: Kobzar

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Correct Answer: 1840

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Correct Answer: Exile

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Correct Answer: Kaniv