

THE EDUCATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF READING WORKS OF WORLD LITERATURE (IN THE EXAMPLE OF THE STORY "HARVEST")

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Abstract. This article discusses the formation of human qualities in the minds of secondary school students through the teaching of fiction, the continuous work on positive qualities, and the upbringing of a future generation that will benefit society. In particular, the story "The Pledge" by the Russian writer Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, one of the great figures of world literature, who created a significant work in the prose narrative genre, was analyzed. During the discussion, the positive and negative sides of the pledge, 15 years of imprisonment, between an elderly banker with material financial freedom and a 25-year-old lawyer in the prime of his life, were discussed.

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From the beginning of humanity to the present day, it has been striving to be one step higher than yesterday, to rise above its previous state. We cannot say that it belongs to one specific field. Because we can cite art, culture, literature, philosophy, digital technologies and many other innovations as examples. If we talk about literary works, in every century, every nation has its own outstanding representatives. In particular, together with Eastern representatives, Western representatives have demonstrated their leadership in writing works, the importance of the ideas and themes in them in human life, education and activity, which has been influencing them for several centuries. In this regard, the role of the Russian writer Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, who lived in the 18th-19th centuries and made a worthy contribution to the world's artistic heritage, is incomparable. Despite the fact that the writer did not live long, we would not be mistaken if we say that he left his name forever in literature with his works. The writer's initial education was related to medicine. That is, he graduated from Moscow University in 1884 and began working as a district doctor [3.422]. It was during this period that he became known for his prose works. It is worth noting that literature, rather than medicine, raised Chekhov to all-round heights. This is not difficult to see from the fact that his works have passed from hand to hand and have been translated into several languages of the world. Our great enlightener, the great Jadid Baba Abdulla Qodiriy, says the following about literature, especially writers: "Even if you don't know a writer personally, you can vaguely know and imagine what kind of person he is by reading his works. Because in his works, he mainly describes his own nature and soul" [5.105]. In most of Chekhov's works, he tried to highlight positive qualities such as not being attached to wealth and the amount of wealth a person accumulates, but rather his broad outlook, high intelligence, and keen eyesight. We can also see this through the story "The Pledge". Despite the fact that the work is short in size, it is clear that it will interest the reader with its deep and philosophical thinking. The story celebrates theology, spiritual maturity, and gratitude for every moment we live in this world. It encourages us to always be open to new knowledge, making the most of every second of our lives. The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, in his work "The work of a people with great intentions is also great, their life is bright and their future is prosperous", cites the following idea: "In Cornell's tragedy "The Sid", "It takes time to mature"

[4.256]. That is, a person needs some time to form positive qualities in himself and eliminate bad vices. If each member of society engages in himself in this way and lives with the lofty intention of contributing to the prosperity of the homeland, he will ensure not only himself, but also his homeland's high position in the list of leading countries in the world. We can also learn about this through the main character of the story.

The presentation of the story "The Pledge" through two main characters increased the artistic aesthetic value of the work. This is demonstrated by an old banker who organized a party in his house and argued in front of the guests, The work is further enlivened by the fate of a young man who suddenly spends his entire flourishing life in a cell. At a time when the truce between the banker and the lawyer is actually about to be concluded for a period of five years, the young man is forced to lose his freedom for fifteen years by saying: "I can sit there not for five years, but for fifteen years" [5.154]. Everyone feels sorry for the young man who was taken prisoner for two million. However, if we say that this was the key to new doors for the lawyer, it would be a great light upon light. Because the young man tries to use every minute of his remaining captivity wisely. In his early years, he begins to read light and popular books. Year by year, as the young man grows older, his worldview also expands. He looks at life with a different, grateful eye and becomes a truly knowledgeable person. In captivity, he educates himself as a spiritually rich, intellectually mature person by studying literature, religion, philosophy, art, and many languages. Otabek Khasanov describes this in his work "The Book of Leaders" as follows: "Yes, science is the only way to salvation, a miracle that gives hope for a bright future" [2.38]. We can cite this as an example of how this lawyer, instead of falling into despair within a certain period, managed to become perfect in every way and achieve this. In fact, a person with material wealth is not rich, but a person with spiritual knowledge, high intellectual potential, who has understood life through reading books, and is ready to help others without stints is a person with a truly golden heart and a rich soul. Because those things that we call wealth, property, and wealth can be taken away from us in a second. However, a person with spiritual wealth A person never loses it. James Clear states this in his book "Atomic Habits" as follows: "Once habits have taken root, they are almost impossible to completely uproot." [1.112] It would be appropriate to call the young lawyer's actions a set of habits. The fact that he has reached the level of a philosopher by testing himself in any field year after year is a clear proof of this. The image of the old banker in the work illustrates that wealth is not eternal. Because at the time of the bet, he was very wealthy. By the end of the term, that is, after 15 years, the artistic aesthetic value of the work is increased by the fact that he is no longer in possession of wealth, but in debt. In the end, the old man, unable to find the money, commits suicide. When he enters the room on the night of the appointed term, he finds a letter written by the lawyer. He reads it and finds peace in his heart. In the letter, he writes that there are things more precious than money, that he has found true joy and happiness in this life. The young man keeps his word, saying that he will break the agreement and leave the house 5 hours before the agreed time.

We would not be wrong if we said that by teaching this work in school textbooks, students will be educated about the importance of keeping promises, gaining knowledge in any circumstances, and becoming a perfect person by making the most of the opportunities given to them. Otabek Khasanov in his work "The Book of Leaders" gives the following idea: "As Churchill said, "A strong man is not one who has never fallen, but one who has fallen nine times and found the strength to get up ten times" [1.201]. This applies specifically to the lawyer. Because in the first years of his captivity, he was a little overcome by regret, and thoughts crossed his mind that he had somehow agreed to this hostage. But towards the end of the work, we can see that he has been comprehensively shaped through reading books, learning new languages, and acquiring secular and religious knowledge.

In conclusion, we can say that no matter how a person lives, at the end of his life, whether he will die with regret and remorse, or with a happy and contented life, is in his own hands. The young

man spent 15 years. He did not live freely, according to his own will. He spent the best years of his life in captivity. However, he did a great thing that many cannot do. He worked continuously on himself, worked tirelessly to become better than yesterday. When the deadline came, that is, the last day, he gave up the big win of 2 million, ran away ahead of schedule, violating the bail conditions. We can say that achieving his main goal was to learn about things that are greater and higher than money in this world. We think that while reading this work, readers will try to use every moment of their lives wisely, read, search, gain new knowledge, and rediscover themselves. It will once again be recognized that science is above everything. We believe that this work will be on the list of readers' favorite books for several more years.

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