

# Men of Steel: Socialist Realism



Explore the making and breaking of the cultural force that was Socialist Realism in Soviet and post-Soviet literature, film, painting, sculpture, and architecture.

R	Aug 31	The Alchemy of Socialist realism: The Meaning of Steel Recommended: Gastev. "We Grow out of Iron,"* Kirillov, "The Iron Messiah,"*Mayakovsky, "Vladimir Ilyich Lenin,"* Vladimir Lenin, " <a href="#">The Spontaneity of the Masses...</a> "(url)
	Sept 4	What is Socialist Realism? Read: Gorky, <i>Mother</i> (9-20 & 159-182)* Recommended: Terts, <i>What is Socialist Realism?</i> , part one*
T	Sept 5	No Class.
R	Sept 7	The Positive Hero of Socialist Realism: From Saint to <i>Bogatyr</i> Read: Gladkov, <i>Cement</i> (1-74) Listen to: "The Three Journeys of Ilya Murom" (Blackboard, Class Materials) Recommended: Terts, <i>What is Socialist Realism?</i> , part two*
M	Sept 11	Read: Gladkov, <i>Cement</i> (75-129) Recommended: Terts, <i>What is Socialist Realism?</i> , part three*
T	Sept 12	Read: Gladkov, <i>Cement</i> (176-227)
R	Sept 14	Read: Gladkov, <i>Cement</i> (227-311) <b>Query #1 Due by noon via e-mail</b>
M	Sept 18	Read: Gladkov, <i>Cement</i> (227-311) Recommended: <a href="#">The Purging of the Party</a>
T	Sept 19	The Master Plot Read: Clark, "The Master Plot"* Consider: Does <i>Cement</i> demonstrate the "master plot"?
R	Sept 21	Stalin: Man of Steel The Machine & the Garden Read: Ostrovsky, <i>How the Steel Was Tempered</i> (387-418)*
M	Sept 25	Read: Ostrovsky, <i>How the Steel Was Tempered</i> (418-447)*
T	Sept 26	Read: Ostrovsky, <i>How the Steel Was Tempered</i> (447-476)*

R	Sept 28	<b>Analytical Essay #1:</b> <i>How the steel was tempered</i> & the Master plot Hard copy due at the beginning of class
M	Oct 2	“Ever Higher”: Supermen & the Fantastic Age Read & Listen: “Ever Higher”* Read: Kryukova, “Tale of the Pole,”* “Aviation”* Stakhanov, “The Stakhnov Movement Explained”*
T	Oct 3	Building a Bright Future: Public Buildings & and “Private” Homes In-Class Lecture
R	Oct 5	Shostakovich and Stalin Guest Lecture by Professor Stephen Ledbetter
M	Oct 9	Columbus Day Break. No classes
T	Oct 10	Columbus Day Break. No classes.
R	Oct 12	Fairy tales can come true... “Vasilisa the Beautiful” (34-41)* “Ilya Muromets and the Dragon” (85-90)* Kataev, “The Flower of Seven Colors” (222-229)*
M	Oct 16	Life is Getting Better Read & Listen: “Life is Getting Better,”* “Song of the Motherland”* Watch: “Volga! Volga!” (On reserve in Mrc)  <b>Also today: “The End of Freedom? Oil, Islam and the Press in Putin’s Russia.” A talk by journalist and independent political analyst Evgeny Kiselev. Kiselev is one of the co-founders of NTV, Russia’s first independent television network. He is currently under fire by the Putin government for his coverage of the war in Chechnya.</b> **You will receive extra-credit if you attend this important event.**
T	Oct 17	A. Tolstoy, “The Golden Key” (131-164)
R	Oct 19	Shukshin, “Before the Cock Crows Thrice”
M	Oct 23	The Strugatsky Brothers, “Tale of the Troika” <b>Query #2 Due by Noon Via E-mail</b>
T	Oct 24	If Tomorrow Brings War Read & Listen: “Katyusha,” “If Tomorrow Brings War,” “The Blue Kerchief,” Holy War,” Soviet State Anthem” Read: Simonov, “Wait for Me”*

R	Oct 26	Read: "Fate of a Man"*
M	Oct 30	"Fate of a Man"
T	Oct 31	Watch: "Ballad of a Soldier" (MRC)
R	Nov 2	Read: Kataev, <a href="#">"The Son of the Regiment"</a> (URL)
M	Nov 6	Watch: "The Cranes are Flying" (Mrc)
T	Nov 7	Socialist Realism undone Read: Rasputin, <i>Live and Remember</i> (3-47)
R	Nov 9	Read: Rasputin, <i>Live and Remember</i> (48-95)
M	Nov 13	Read: Rasputin, <i>Live and Remember</i> (96-133)
T	Nov 14	Read: Rasputin, <i>Live and Remember</i> (134-169)
R	Nov 16	No class.
M	Nov 20	Read: Rasputin, <i>Live and Remember</i> (170-216) <b>Query #3 Due by Noon via E-Mail</b>
T	Nov 21	Women & Socialist Realism Watch: "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears"
		Thanksgiving Break
M	Nov 27	Read: Petrushevskaya, "Our Crowd"
T	Nov 28	Petrushevskaya "Our Crowd"
R	Nov 30	<b>Analytical Essay #2:</b> Open Topic Hard copy due at the beginning of class
M	Dec 4	Read: Petrushevskaya, "Cinzano"
T	Dec 5	Read: Petrushevskaya, "Cinzano" Last Day of Class
W	Dec 13	Final Exam. 2.30 pm