

Код УГПС – 44.00.00

Тема 6. Выдающиеся люди родной страны и страны/стран изучаемого языка, их вклад в развитие

6. Гуманитарные науки

### Read the text

#### Outstanding personalities

Mikhail Afanasyevich Bulgakov (15 may 1891 – 10 march 1940) is a Soviet playwright, novelist, short story writer, best known for his humor. He is a doctor by education, but left medicine for a career as a writer. Interestingly, the motive of madness plays an important role in his works, which is clearly traced in one of the most famous novels "The Master and Margarita". Bulgakov resorts to the motive of insanity to reflect the state of society at the moment of the collapse of moral foundations. The madness of Bulgakov's heroes is self-defense against the madness of the surrounding life and an attempt to live a different life in imagination. One of the bright facets of this madness is a strong and unbearable fear.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov is a phenomenon of literature, as he is recognized not only as a great Russian but also as a great American writer. There have been examples of bilinguals writing in two languages in history, but getting widespread recognition in two cultures at once is really rare. Nabokov's first nine novels were published in Russian. After becoming widely known and moving to America, Nabokov began writing novels in English, which gained popularity all over the world. The highly appreciated scandalous novel "Lolita", which later received the status of a classic, was written in two languages.

Rudyard Kipling is an English writer. Traveling in Asia as a correspondent of the newspaper "Pioneer", he writes essays about his travels, which are very popular. The writer publishes 6 books with his stories, which bring him recognition. Subsequently, his books for children are published, which are popular to this day. In 1907, he became the first British laureate of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Among his most famous works are: "The Jungle Book", the story "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi"; fairy tales: "Baby Elephant", "The Cat that walked by itself" and many others.

Lewis Carroll is an English writer. Moreover, he was not only a writer but also a professor of mathematics at Oxford University. His most famous stories for

children "Alice in Wonderland" (1865) and "Through the Looking Glass" (1871)

about the adventures of a girl Alice were inspired by his communication with the family of his colleague, dean of the college. His daughter Alice became the prototype of the main character. The real name of the writer is Charles Lutwidge Dodgson.

### KEY WORDS

- the motive of madness – мотив безумия
- self-defense – самозащита
- insanity – невменяемость
- phenomenon – феномен
- widespread – широко
- распространённый
- recognition – признание, распространение
- subsequently – впоследствии
- acquaintance with – знакомство с

### PROJECT

Choose one of the topic

1. Tell us about one of the writers or poets who were born in your city or region. What are they famous for?
2. Tell us about the Russian writers who were nominated for the Nobel Prize but did not receive it.
3. Tell us about Russian bilingual writers and their famous works.

### DISCUSSION

Discuss in pairs:

1. What does the motive of madness mean in the works by Mikhail Bulgakov?
2. Why is Vladimir Nabokov called a phenomenon in literature?
3. How did Rudyard Kipling become popular? In what year did he receive the award?