

# Nikolai Gogol

## Quotes

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Courses, Character, Faces, Horse, Might, Land, Desire, Thinking, Journey,  
Russia, Hero*

The longer and more carefully we look at a funny story, the sadder it becomes.

~Nikolai Gogol

Nothing could be more pleasant than to live in solitude, enjoy the spectacle of nature, and occasionally read some book.

~Nikolai Gogol

A word aptly uttered or written cannot be cut away by an axe.

~Nikolai Gogol

You can't imagine how stupid the whole world has grown nowadays.

~Nikolai Gogol

However stupid a fool's words may be, they are sometimes enough to confound an intelligent man.

~Nikolai Gogol

I am who I am and that's who I am

~Nikolai Gogol

Perfect nonsense goes on in the world. Sometimes there is no plausibility at all

~Nikolai Gogol

Always think of what is useful and not what is beautiful. Beauty will come of its own accord.

~Nikolai Gogol

It is no use to blame the looking glass if your face is awry.

~Nikolai Gogol

In the end dreams became his life, and his whole life thereafter took a strange turn: one might say he slept while waking and watched while

asleep.

~Nikolai Gogol

There are people who exist in this world not like entities but like the speckles or spots on something.

~Nikolai Gogol

Whatever you may say, the body depends on the soul.

~Nikolai Gogol

The experience of ages has shown that a man who works on the land is purer, nobler, higher, and more moral... Agriculture should be at the basis of everything. That's my idea.

~Nikolai Gogol

But youth has a future. The closer he came to graduation, the more his heart beat. He said to himself: "This is still not life, this is only the preparation for life."

~Nikolai Gogol

Keep not money, but keep good people's company.

~Nikolai Gogol

We have the marvelous gift of making everything insignificant.

~Nikolai Gogol

There are passions that it is not for man to choose.

~Nikolai Gogol

Let me warn you, if you start chasing after views, you'll be left without bread and without views.

~Nikolai Gogol

Everywhere across whatever sorrows of which our life is woven, some

radiant joy will gaily flash past.

~Nikolai Gogol

It's the most righteous, which of course is not the same thing as the most profitable.

~Nikolai Gogol

A time of famine and poverty will come and the people as a whole as well as every individual in it will suffer.

~Nikolai Gogol

Also, though not over-elderly, he was not over-young.

~Nikolai Gogol

Man is such a wondrous being that it is never possible to count up all his merits at once. The more you study him, the more new particulars appear, and their description would be endless.

~Nikolai Gogol

Countless as the sands of sea are human passions, and not all of them are alike, and all of them, base and noble alike, are at first obedient to man and only later on become his terrible masters.

~Nikolai Gogol

I saw that I'd get nowhere on the straight path, and that to go crookedly was straighter.

~Nikolai Gogol

They're thinking of turning the peasant into an educated man. Why, first of all they should make him a good and prosperous farmer and then he'll learn all that is necessary for him to know.

~Nikolai Gogol

Everything resembles the truth, everything can happen to a man.

~Nikolai Gogol

They don't listen to me, they don't hear me, they don't see me.

~Nikolai Gogol

How much savage coarseness is concealed in refined, cultivated manners.

~Nikolai Gogol

There are certain words which are nearer and dearer to a man than any others.

~Nikolai Gogol

But wise is the man who disdains no character, but with searching glance explores him to the root and cause of all.

~Nikolai Gogol

Gambling is the great leveller. All men are equal- at cards.

~Nikolai Gogol

I shall laugh my bitter laugh.

~Nikolai Gogol

I tell everyone very plainly that I take bribes, but what kind of bribes? Why, greyhound puppies. That's a totally different matter.

~Nikolai Gogol

Don't blame the mirror if your face is faulty.

~Nikolai Gogol

The Lord grant we may all be tillers of the soil.

~Nikolai Gogol

We ought to thank God for that. Yes, the man who tills the land is more

worthy of respect than any.

~Nikolai Gogol

What are you laughing at? You are laughing at yourself.

~Nikolai Gogol

The more debris there is the more it will show the governor's activity.

~Nikolai Gogol

Do we ever get what we really want? Do we ever achieve what our powers have ostensibly equipped us for? No: everything works by contraries.

~Nikolai Gogol

Steeds, steeds, what steeds! Has the whirlwind a home in your manes?

~Nikolai Gogol

...and sank into the profound slumber which comes only to such fortunate folk as are troubled neither with mosquitoes nor fleas nor excessive activity of brain.

~Nikolai Gogol

Of course, Alexander the Great was a hero, but why smash the chairs?

~Nikolai Gogol

Two turtle doves will show thee  
Where my cold ashes lie  
And sadly murmuring tell thee  
How in tears I did die

~Nikolai Gogol

[F]or contemporary judgment does not recognize that much depth of soul is needed to light up the picture drawn from contemptible life and elevate it into a pearl of creation.

~Nikolai Gogol

There exists a kind of laughter which is worthy to be ranked with the higher lyric emotions and is infinitely different from the twitching of a mean merry-maker.

~Nikolai Gogol

it's not my job to preach a sermon. Art is anyhow a homily. My job is to speak in living images, not in arguments. I must exhibit life full-face, not discuss life.

~Nikolai Gogol

The more destruction there is everywhere, the more it shows the activity of town authorities.

~Nikolai Gogol

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