



“How Much Land Does a Man Need?” by Leo Tolstoy (pp. 883-94)

FYI: The time period for this story is 19<sup>th</sup> century Russia. Feudalism had been done away with in 1861 when Czar Alexander II freed the Russian serfs from the aristocrats who owned them. Remember that the English abandoned this way of life in the Middle Ages. As the story opens, the serfs have been free men for about 25 years.

1. The younger sister is married to a \_\_\_\_\_ . The elder, to a \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. How is it better to be a peasant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is bad about living in town? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. With enough land, Pahom would not fear \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. How do Pahom’s cows cause him anxiety? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What plan falls through and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. How does Pahom put together his down payment? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How is the land different now? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What lesson does Pahom want to teach the peasants? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Poor Pahom feels cramped and yet he lives on \_\_\_\_\_ acres!
11. How far does Pahom travel ON FOOT to get to the land beyond the Volga? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many acres does he own in his new location? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Pahom hears about huge tracts of land for sale where the Bashkirs live. He goes to see it for himself. What work do the women do? \_\_\_\_\_ How do the men spend their time? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Pahom can have any land he \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. Without the proper paperwork, what possibility does Pahom foresee? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. The chief is one smooth operator. Explain the price for the land. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. How big a circuit does Pahom figure he will be able to mark? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Describe Pahom’s dream. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. In what direction does Pahom head? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Pahom is hot and tired. What thought drives him? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What literal but philosophical mistake does Pahom hope he has not made? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. What concern do Pahom and the narrator in “Shooting an Elephant” have in common? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. In what ominous way does the sun appear? \_\_\_\_\_
24. How much land does a man need? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What would have made you suspicious or leery of doing business with the Bashkirs? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
26. Since we are no longer an agrarian society, we probably wouldn’t measure our happiness in land owned but in money. How much money per year do you think any reasonable person should be content with? \_\_\_\_\_  
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