

A Chronology of Dostoevsky's Life

- 1819 Dostoevsky's father, Michael Dostoevsky, marries Marie Mechaeva.
- 1820 First son, Michael, born.
- 1821 Father becomes doctor in Hospital for the Poor, Moscow
Oct. 30 Fyodor Mikhailovich born.
- 1837 Jan. 29 The poet, Pushkin, killed in a duel.
Feb. 27 Dostoevsky's mother dies.
May The two brothers move to Petersburg.
July The father retires and moves to the country with the two youngest daughters.
- 1839 Jan. Dostoevsky enters Military Engineering School.
June Dostoevsky's father is murdered by his serf peasants because of his cruelty and strictness.
- 1842 Aug. Dostoevsky commissioned Second Lieutenant.
- 1844 Aug. He leaves the military service, begins literary career. Starts writing The Poor Folk.
- 1845 Summer The Poor Folk is a great success with literary leaders.
- 1846 Spring Dostoevsky meets Petrashevsky. Begins to suffer epileptic seizures. Publishes The Double.
- 1848 Participates more and more in political discussions of Petrashevsky's circle.
- 1849 April 23 Dostoevsky arrested. Later sentenced to death. Reprieved at the last minute, on execution scaffold in Petersburg Square.
- 1850-54 Spends four years as convict in Siberia, in Omsk.
- 1854-59 Serves as common soldier in Siberia, in Semipalatinsk.
- 1857 Feb. Marries Maria Isaeva.
- 1859 Is permitted to live in Tver, later, in St. Petersburg. Resumes writing. Two of his stories are published.
- 1860 Publishes The House of the Dead about his Siberian experiences. A two volume edition of his work appears.
- 1861 Emancipation of Serfs Proclamation. The Insulted and The Injured published.
- 1862 Visit to France and England.
- 1862-63 Liason with Apollinaria Suslova.

- 1860-63 Writes for and edits magazine Time (Vremya).
- 1863 May Time stopped by government.
Aug.-Oct. Stays in France and Italy.
- 1864 Jan. Permitted to publish new magazine,
Epoch (Epokha).
April His wife dies.
June Epoch stops because of lack of funds.
July His brother Michael dies.
Visits Germany. Sees Suslova. Works on Crime and Punishment. Two-vol. edition of his works published by Stellovsky.
- 1866 Works on Crime and Punishment. Proposes to and is accepted by Anna Grigorievna Smitkina. Further volumes of his works published.
- 1867 Stays in Germany; gambles. Works on The Idiot.
- 1868-69 Lives abroad -- in Germany and Switzerland.
- 1871 Returns to Petersburg. Works on The Possessed. The Possessed is published in the Russian Messenger.
- 1873-76 Dostoevsky collaborates on magazine The Citizen. Writes The Raw Youth. Lives in Staraya Russa and visits Germany three times.
- 1875 The Raw Youth published.
- 1876-77 Publishes magazine Writer's Diary.
- 1876 Nov. Writes story The Gentle Spirit.
- 1878 May Dostoevsky's three year old son, Alexey, dies of epilepsy. Dostoevsky and the philosopher, Vladinut Solovyov, visit together the Optina monastery. Begins work on The Brothers Karamazov.
- 1879 The Brothers Karamazov begins to appear.
- 1880 June 8 Dostoevsky delivers widely acclaimed speech at dedication of Fushkin's statue. Concludes work on The Brothers Karamazov.
- 1881 Jan. 28 Dostoevsky dies after three days of illness, of lung hemorrhages.