

Title: Peter the Great and Pushkin: Two Russian Revolutionaries

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Abstract:

This paper tries to explain the extraordinary interest that Pushkin took in Peter the Great. What appealed to Pushkin in Peter's personality, deeds, and fate? What did Peter and Pushkin have in common? In what ways were they different? How was Pushkin's fascination with Peter the Great manifested in his works? In what sense did Pushkin consider Peter a revolutionary? For Pushkin, was Peter's legacy beneficial or harmful to Russia? Why does Russia's historical memory so inextricably fuse the names of Pushkin and Peter? Was Pushkin a revolutionary?