



Dmitry Sergeyevich Likhachov

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Lesson 19



He was born on the
28th of November,
1906, St.Petersburge.

Likhachov graduated
in 1928 from the
Leningrad University

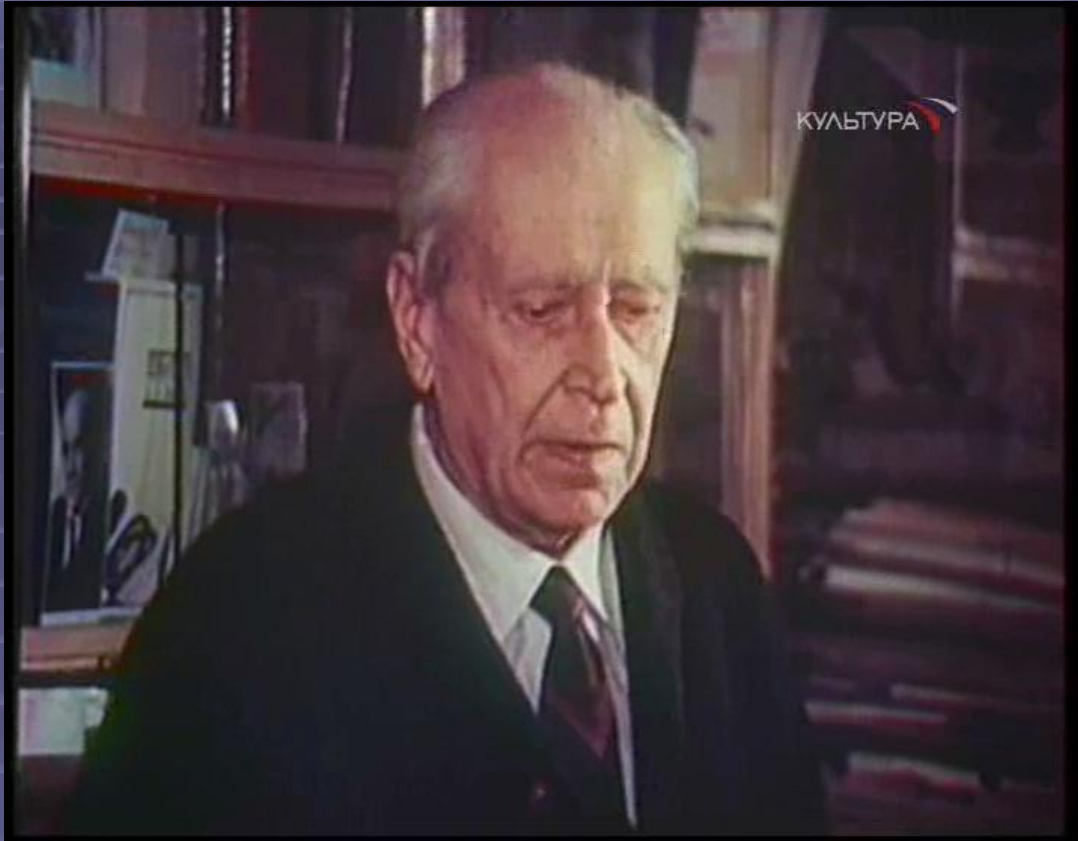
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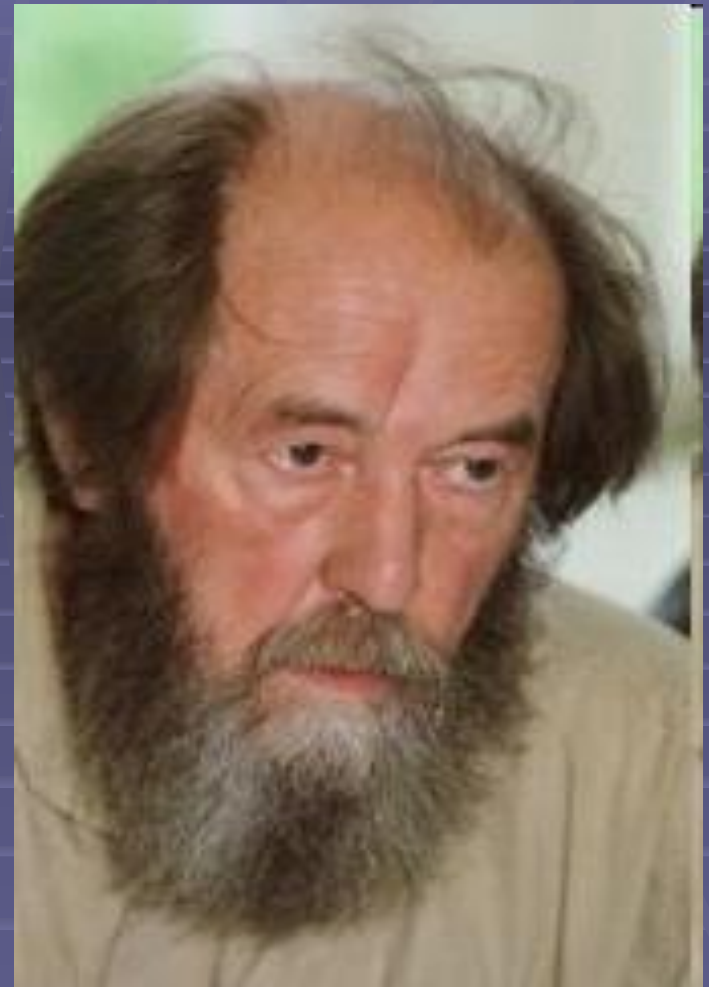
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He was arrested for his speech deploring the Bolshevik reform of Russian orthography. Deported to the Solovki Special Purpos Camp, he spent 5 years studying the "criminal folklore" as he termed it.



Likhachov returned to Leningrad unbroken, and started his spectacular scholarly career in the Pushkin House

In 1953, Likhachov was admitted into the Soviet Academy of Sciences as a Corresponding Member



He defended Andrei Sakharov, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and other dissidents during their persecution by Soviet authorities.



In 1986, he was elected the first
President of the Russian Cultural Fund.



In his 80s and 90s, he became more of a public figure, serving as an informal advisor to St. Petersburg Mayor Anatoly Sobchak and President Boris Yeltsin.



He died on the
30th of November
in 1999 in
St.Petersburg.



The Likhachov Philanthropic Fund was set up by his daughter and George Soros in 2001.