

# aristocrat – MSS 1

Match the following and write a sentence with the correct information. You will not need all the choices in Column B:

## Column A

1. Tolstoy's greatest novel \_\_\_\_\_
2. An aristocrat is not \_\_\_\_\_
3. To disembark means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tolstoy became depressed when \_\_\_\_\_
5. In school Tolstoy did \_\_\_\_\_

## Column B

- a. to get on
- b. to get off
- c. an important person
- d. well
- e. a peasant
- f. he was writing *Anna Karenia*
- g. poorly
- h. *War and Peace*
- i. he was 34

Write the 5 sentences from above with the correct information.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## aristocrat - MSS 2

**aristocrat:** (noun) a person who is a member of the upper class in a society through his or her parents.

Example: Leo Tolstoy was the son of a Russian **aristocrat**.

Antonyms: *peasant, lowly, commoner, ordinary person*

Example: Tolstoy believed that the peasants were the soul of Russia.

**aristocracy:** (noun) an upper class of people through their birth

Example: Tolstoy did not approve of the Russian **aristocracy**.

Antonyms: *working class, peasantry, masses*

Example: The working class was protesting its living conditions.



1. Use one of these words in the following sentences:

aristocrat  
aristocracy  
peasants  
working class  
commoners

Does the United States have an \_\_\_\_\_? No, according to the Constitution all people are born equal. Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain would be an \_\_\_\_\_ because she was born to a king and queen.

However, in the USA we talk about the \_\_\_\_\_ because these people are the ones who hold jobs that are considered “blue collar”. They are not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ because they have the same rights as all other citizens.

2. What do you think “blue collar” means? How do you think this term began?

