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WHAT BOOKS TEACH US ABOUT WORLD WAR II (BASED ON OLEKSANDR DOVZHENKO'S BOOK "UKRAINE ON FIRE")

Oleksandr Dovzhenko is a Ukrainian writer, film director, film dramatist, artist, the author of famous novels "Earth" and "Arsenal." When World War II began, Dovzhenko was evacuated to Ashgabat. Appointed a colonel of the quartermaster service, he could not stand inaction and asked to be sent to the front and witness liberation from the occupation, after which he wrote his most famous work, "Ukraine on Fire."

The idea of the work, according to the author himself, is the indomitable strength and steadfastness of our people's spirit, their ability to fight for liberation and confidence in victory over the enemy. What can impress the reader is the strength of will of Ukrainians who went on to protect their country. It was very difficult to fight the fascists, but our people persevered and defeated them. The main story is the gigantic epic image of Ukraine, plundered by fascists and Bolsheviks. The family from Zaporizhzhya is a micromodel of Ukraine. The song "Oh, I'm going to go for a walk" serves as a kind of framing. Zaporizhians sing it at the beginning of the piece. It symbolizes the unity of the family and harmony within it, and therefore, the unity of the Ukrainian people. At the end of the film, the family gathers again. And although there are not many of its representatives, there is hope that the family line of the Zaporizhians will not be interrupted.

The story "Ukraine on Fire" is still relevant today because this book teaches us to be courageous, strong in spirit, not pay attention to obstacles, to fight for our native country and for our family, to appreciate each other and never betray. Therefore, "Ukraine on Fire" is one of the strongest, most impressive works of Ukrainian literature about the tragedy of the people during the Second World War and throughout its history.

Reading books about the Second World War, we can learn how to survive during the war and save other people's lives. Despite its tense plot, "Ukraine on Fire" has a romantic moment with a soldier and village girl. This young guy said that he will go to war and will definitely come back.

Thanks to books, we can learn many ideas and values, for example, to support and respect our country, to value loved ones, to help them at home, to be considerate with people, to quickly find a way out of a situation, to be kind, brave and sincere. Oleksandr Dovzhenko's book "Ukraine on Fire" is unique, based on real events, interesting, so everyone will be able to imagine the events that took place in Ukraine during the Second World War. It showed that our nation is invincible, brave and strong.

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