

## Homework Week 2

**A.** Read the short story “The Two Brothers” by Leo Tolstoy. You will find it as a PDF under this week’s assignments.

**B.** Answer the following questions about the story in complete sentences. **Support your answers from the text. Write a *minimum* of three sentences for each answer, not counting your supporting sentence.**

1. What does the elder brother’s reaction to the challenges tell you about him?
2. What does the younger brother’s reaction to the challenges tell you about him?
3. At the end of the story, have the brothers’ attitudes changed?
4. Which brother do you think made the better choice and why?

**C.** Follow the directions on the Week 2 Homework form.

**D. Poetry** Get a piece of fruit or a vegetable and look closely at it. Describe its texture and color. Compare and contrast it with an object of similar size or shape. Touch it and write down how it feels. Bite into it and describe what you see, smell, and feel, making sure to record the different layers. Pay attention to how it feels and tastes on your lips and tongue. Type your description into a paragraph (at least 7 sentences) and include the name of your fruit or vegetable at the end. Your goal should be to describe it so well that your reader can figure out what you’re writing about without telling him or her.

**E.** Vocabulary words:

Perish—suffer death, typically in a violent, sudden, or untimely way

Seize—to take hold of suddenly and forcibly

Wage—to carry on (a war or campaign)