



Olga V. Lyanda-Geller's

favorite...

Russian writer: a) **prose:** Fyodor Dostoevsky, Anton Chekhov, Sergei Dovlatov

b) **poetry:** Alexandr Pushkin, Joseph Brodsky

Russian music: a) **composer:** Sergei Rakhmaninov

b) **conductor:** Gennady Rozhdestvensky

c) **piano player:** Vladimir Horowitz, Sviatoslav Richter

d) **violin player:** David Oistrakh, Leonid Kogan

e) **cello player:** Mstislav Rostropovich

f) **ballet dancer:** Mikhail Baryshnikov, Maya Plisetskaya

Russian painter: Arkhip Kuindzhi

Russian movie: *Brothers Karamazov* by Ivan Pyriev

Russian movie director: Grigory Kozintsev

Russian actor: Innokenty Smoktunovsky; **actress:** Faina Ranevskaya

Russian city: Samara, on the Volga river

Russian dish: *pirozhki* [baked or fried buns or pies stuffed with different fillings]

pastime: reading, playing piano

fact about Russian language: that the words "начало" [beginning] and "конец" [end] etymologically have the same stem