

# The overcoat



author Nikolai Gogol-born in Ukraine-went to St Petersburg in 1828-  
embezzled his mother's money-received praise from famous poets-great  
contribution to Russian literatureplot summary-introduced to the setting,  
along with Akaky and how he is treated-made fun of for the overcoat-Akaky's  
search for help-Petrovich makes him a new coat with the money Akaky has  
saved up for-overcoat stolen-yelled at by the important personage-Akaky  
gets ill and dies-haunts the official-takes the official's coat for  
revengeconflict1. Akaky is teased about his coat2. he doesn't have enough  
money to pay for a new one3. overcoat is stolenAkaky-main character-works  
as a clerk-loves his job, content with his life-brutally teasedImportant  
Personage-detective of high rank-mysterious-harsh and yells at  
Akakysettingst. Petersburgclerk's workplacebrutal wintertheme1. occupation  
and social class-> often preconceived notions are made about lower class  
individuals, and this causes a clear difference in the way people treat others  
at different status2. importance vs unimportance-> sometimes power or  
money given to someone ends up negative due to their greed or  
overconfidencefigurative language-similes-metaphor-oxymoron-  
onomatopoeia-personificationsymbolismovercoat-represents Akaky's life-  
influential to Akaky's tone and mood-basic literal need for a coat in the  
wintercriticism-story is a variation of a story Gogol heard-interesting name-  
triangular system of collisionspashahigh, civil, or military officialbrazier a  
metal pan or bowl used to hold burning coalimperiledto put at risk of being  
harmed and destroyedgaloshesa type of overshoe (slipped over shoes to  
prevent from mud and water)pockmarkedpit-like scar left on the face from  
small poxfretworkan interlaced decorative designpurposeto understand the  
corruption of different races and social classes in the society