

Reading Response 2: Interpretation of Literature (Honors)

- **Due Date/Time: By class time, Tuesday, February 10.**
- **Submit a copy to the appropriate ICON DropBox by 12:30 Tuesday and bring a hard copy to class on Thursday, February 12.**
- **MLA requirements: In-text citations necessary, no works cited page yet.**

Choose **one** of the questions below to answer. Make sure to read the reading response assignment sheet (posted to ICON under “Assignment Sheets”) and example response to understand the expectations for the assignment. Answering any of the questions below effectively will require you to cite both one disability studies theorist we’ve read (either Siebers, Davis, or Foucault) and Leo Tolstoy’s *The Death of Ivan Ilych*.

Response Options

1. Using one of the theorists you’ve read in this class so far, explain what is significant about Ivan’s illness being referred to as an “it” starting on page 146 in the anthology. Make sure to analyze quotations and paraphrases to support your argument.
2. The ideas of uniformity and unoriginality are repeated ideas, or motifs, in this text. Using one of the theorists you’ve read in this class so far, discuss why you think Tolstoy emphasizes these concepts in relation to Ivan.
3. Use of one the theorists you’ve read in this class so far to analyze one character’s attitude toward and treatment of Ivan after he becomes ill. In other words, how does some of the disability studies theory you’ve read thus far inform your reading of this character’s behaviors and motivations?