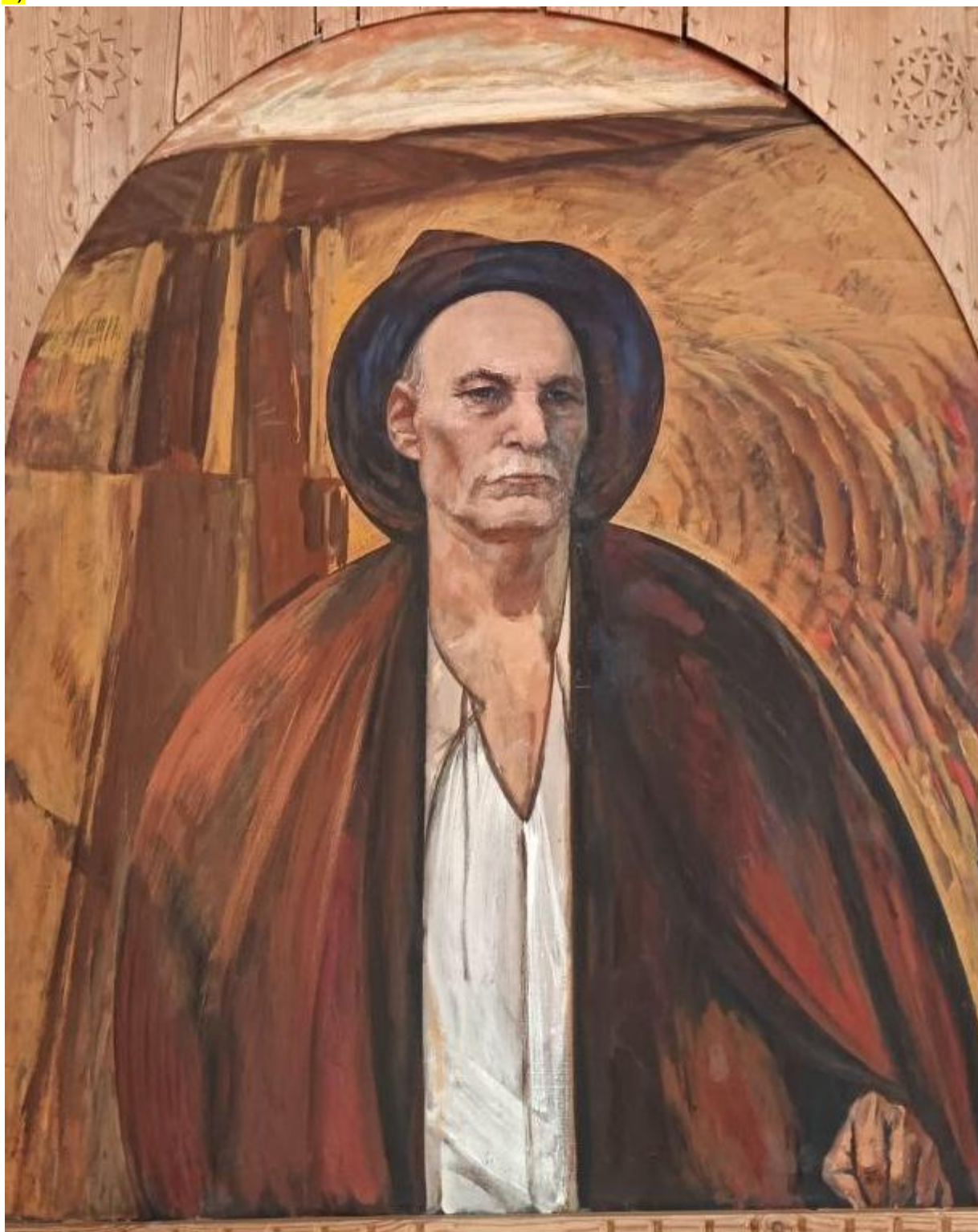


Famous people of Belarus

Look at the portraits and answer the questions:

1)



The painting was drawn by Vladimir Stelmashonok
This is the portrait of Yakub Kolas

Questions:

- 1) What is the real name and surname of Yakub Kolas?
- 2) Could you name at least 4 works of Yakub Kolas?
- 3) Where did he work during his life?
- 4) What dictionary did he help to create? What textbooks did he create?
- 5) Why do people honour Yakub Kolas as a great national writer?

2)



The painting was drawn by Vladimir Stelmashonok.
This is the portrait of Rygor Shyrma.

Questions:

- 1) You can see a lot of Belarusian ornaments in the portrait of Rygor Shyrma. He's also wearing clothes with the symbols of Belarus. How are these ornaments and symbols connected with the biography of Rygor Shyrma?
- 2) Rygor Shyrma was arrested 2 times in 1920-1930-s. Why?
- 3) There's a small concert hall named after Rygor Shyrma in Minsk Philharmonic. Why do you think this place got the name of Rygor Shyrma?
- 4) What is the heritage of Rygor Shyrma for Belarusians?

Possible answers:

Questions:

- 1) What is the real name and surname of Yakub Kolas? - Konstantin Mitskevich
- 2) Could you name at least 4 works of Yakub Kolas? - «На росстанях», «Новая зямля», «Сымон-музыка», «Дрыгва».
- 3) Where did he work during his life? - He worked as a teacher. Also, he worked in the newspaper "Nasha niva" in Vilnya in 1907. He was a scientist and translator.
- 4) What dictionary did he help to create? What textbooks did he create? - Russian-Belarusian dictionary. The textbooks on teaching Belarusian language and literature. «Другое чытанне для дзяцей беларусаў» (1909) і «Методыка роднай мовы» (1926).
- 5) Why do people honour Yakub Kolas as a great national writer? - Because he contributed a lot in the development of Belarusian language and literature. He was not only a writer, but also a public figure. He stood for national interests.

Useful links:

<https://narbel.bsu.by/yakub-kolas/>

<http://lusino.gancevichi.edu.by/be/main.aspx?guid=23771>

Questions:

- 1) You can see a lot of Belarusian ornaments in the portrait of Rygor Shyrma. He's also wearing clothes with the symbols of Belarus. How are these ornaments and symbols connected with the biography of Rygor Shyrma?
-All his life he collected and studied Belarusian song folklore. He also did his best to promote the national culture and education.
- 2) Rygor Shyrma was arrested 2 times in 1920-1930-s. Why?
- He participated in the organisation «Таварыства беларускай школы» which was banned by the Polish government.

3) There's a small concert hall named after Rygor Shyrma in Minsk Philharmonic. Why do you think this place got the name of Rygor Shyrma?

- Because he collected Belarusian song folklore. Also he created a professional music band which later was transformed into the Academic Choir. He created the National Choir of BSSR in 1950. He was a leader of the Choir up to 1970.

4) What is the heritage of Rygor Shyrma for Belarusians?

- Nil Gilevich claimed that the best edition of Belarusian folklore songs ever was the book created by Rygor Shyrma. Rygor Shyrma contributed a lot into the development of Belarusian music culture. He was also the Head of the Union of Composers of Belarus.

Useful links:

<https://belta.by/culture/view/dose-k-130-letiju-so-dnja-rozhdenija-belorusskogo-horovogo-dirizhera-grigorija-shirmy-480295-2022>

<https://kultura.pruzhany.by/shyrma-rygor-ramanavich/>

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