

You see the following announcement in an international film magazine.

Have you ever wanted to be Spiderman or Lara Croft? Imagine you could live the life of any film character for one day. We would like our readers to write an article telling us:

- which character from a film you would like to be
- why you would like to be this character
- what your day as your character would be like

Write your **article**.

I think that if I could choose to live the life of a film character I would choose Yury Zhivago, the main character from the film ‘Doctor Zhivago’.

The film ‘Doctor Zhivago’ is based on the novel of the same title by the Russian author Boris Pasternak. The action takes place at the beginning of the twentieth century and tells us the story of some young people during the Russian Revolution, when workers, peasants and soldiers rose up against the government of Nicholas II, the last tsar of Russia.

The main character, Yury Zhivago (as well as the rest of the characters of the film), seems to me extremely interesting. He struggles to have a normal life through this particularly dangerous period of the Russian history. I like Zhivago because he is at the same time a scientist (he becomes a doctor because according to him he wants to do something ‘useful with his life’) and a poet. Through the whole film he writes his impressions by keeping an intimate diary or by composing poetry.

The film action covers Russia’s revolutionary years, from 1901 to 1929. My typical day as Yury Zhivago would be like this (before the revolution had broken out): I would attend to my patients at the hospital and be reading and writing scientific papers and poetry books. In my free time I would go to fashionable parties in Moscow with my fiancée Tonya (later I would fall in love with the charming and enigmatic Lara, but that is another story...).