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The Prussian Officer and Other Stories

D. H. Lawrence · *1914 · Lawrence's English*

They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where occasional thickets of trees threw a moment of shade, then out into the glare again. So the title story begins, in Lawrence's 1914 collection, Project Gutenberg #22480, published by Duckworth. For grades 11–12. A collection; one map cannot teach every story. Tact; no prurience on the map. Quote Lawrence. The later stories in the contents each have their own openings; do not treat the march as the whole book.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read The Prussian Officer and Other Stories as a 1914 collection—opened by a march of more than thirty kilometres since dawn, on a white, hot road—rather than as a single tale, and without putting prurience on the map?

"They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where"
The Prussian Officer

The hosted file is D. H. Lawrence's The Prussian Officer and Other Stories, 1914, Duckworth, Project Gutenberg #22480, a collection. The title story opens: They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where occasional thickets of trees threw a moment of shade, then out into the glare again. On either hand, the valley, wide and shallow. Teach that opening, for grades 11–12, with tact. Do not put prurience on the map. The contents also name The Thorn in the Flesh, Daughters of the Vicar, and others; one map cannot teach every story. Quote Lawrence, in this English, and name the book as a collection, not as a single tale.

KEY CHARACTERS

The men on the white, hot road
Who have marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, through shade and glare

The wide, shallow valley
Named on either hand, as the country of the march

D. H. Lawrence
Whose 1914 English, in this collection, is what the map quotes

HOW TO BEGIN THIS COLLECTION

> *"They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where"*
> The Prussian Officer

> *"occasional thickets of trees threw a moment of shade, then out into the glare again. On"*
> The Prussian Officer

Grades 11–12
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01

More Than Thirty Kilometres Since Dawn

THE PRUSSIAN OFFICER

They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road. The title story begins with a march, already long, in heat.

- Keep "thirty kilometres since dawn" and "white, hot road."
- 11–12. Tact.
- The title story, not the whole collection.
- Quote Lawrence.

> *"They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where"*
> The Prussian Officer

02

A Moment of Shade, then the Glare

THE PRUSSIAN OFFICER

Occasional thickets of trees threw a moment of shade, then out into the glare again. The road is already a rhythm of shade and glare.

- Keep "a moment of shade" and "the glare again."
- 11–12.
- Quote this English.
- No prurience on the map.

> *"occasional thickets of trees threw a moment of shade, then out into the glare again. On"*
> The Prussian Officer

03

The Valley, Wide and Shallow

THE PRUSSIAN OFFICER

On either hand, the valley, wide and shallow. The march is placed in a country, not only on a road.

- Keep "on either hand" and "wide and shallow."
- 11–12.
- The later pages of the story need tact.
- Quote this wording.

> *"On either hand, the valley, wide and shallow"*
> The Prussian Officer

04

Other Stories in the Contents

THE COLLECTION

The 1914 contents also name The Thorn in the Flesh, Daughters of the Vicar, and others. Quote each story's own opening when you come to it. One map cannot teach the whole book. Tact throughout.

- A collection, not a single tale.
- 11–12. Tact; no prurience.
- PG #22480, Duckworth, 1914.
- Quote Lawrence.

> *"They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where"*
> The Prussian Officer

05

Lawrence, 1914, Duckworth

THE EDITION

The Prussian Officer and Other Stories, D. H. Lawrence, 1914, Duckworth, Project Gutenberg #22480. For grades 11–12. Tact; no prurience on the map. Quote this English, not a later shorthand only.

- Name 1914, and a collection.
- 11–12. Tact.
- The title story opens with a march.
- One map cannot teach every story.

> *"They had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road where"*
> The Prussian Officer

A march since dawn | Shade, then glare | A valley on either hand | A 1914 collection | Tact, and no prurience

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 11–12

1. The title story opens: they had marched more than thirty kilometres since dawn, along the white, hot road, through a moment of shade, then the glare again.
2. On either hand, the valley, wide and shallow. Keep this wording.
3. A 1914 collection, Duckworth, PG #22480, for grades 11–12. Other stories stand later. One map cannot teach every story.
4. Tact; no prurience on the map. Quote Lawrence, not a later shorthand only.

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