



## Realism: Pushkin and Bierce

### Short Story Assignment 7

- This week we continue stories of Realism with the Russian author Alexander Pushkin and Ambrose Bierce.
- Read Alexander Pushkin's "The Shot" and Ambrose Bierce's "Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge." Complete study guide material. Be ready for a quiz on both the lecture and the reading.
- If you can find it on youtube, watch the Oscar-winning short film by Robert Enrico (1962) based on Ambrose Bierce's "Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge."
- Prepare for a test on **the second Friday of November**. The test will cover all of the stories of oral history, romance, realism and naturalism. The questions will be based on class lectures and the content of the stories read. Make sure that you are able to talk about the distinguishing characteristics of the genres read.
- The picture on this assignment sheet is of the American writer Ambrose Bierce.

### Long-range Assignments:

- Critical paper on one of the topics discussed in class (on story of student's own choice), due **the first week of December**.
- Your story of realism, which will be due on the **third week of December**.
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