***An Enigmatic Nature* | A Short Story by Anton Chekhov**

**Part 1: Vocabulary**

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| **Difficult word/phrase** | **Translation** | **Easier replacement** |
| insightful |  | intelligent |
| enigmatic |  | puzzling |
| dramatized |  | (showed in an emotionally powerful way) |
| carriage |  | (vehicle with wheels/body posture/carrying something) |
| trembles |  | shakes (with fear or emotion) |
| pince-nez |  | (glasses that clip onto your nose) |
| agitated |  | upset/shook/shaken |
| provincial |  | (related to a local area) |
| budding |  | growing |
| province |  | area of control/area of land |
| connoisseur |  | expert |
| exceptional |  | (excellent/very unusual) |
| responsive |  | (able to reply or react/quick to respond) |
| titanic |  | huge |
| triumphant |  | proud (about winning) |
| mournful |  | sad |
| reveal |  | show/tell about |
| hapless |  | unlucky |
| psychologist |  | mind doctor |
| fathomed |  | explored/understood |
| bribes |  | (payments of money to get favors) |
| poverty |  | poorness |
| insignificance |  | unimportance |

**Part 2: Short Film**Watch the video *An Enigmatic Nature* by Anton Chekhov: <https://youtu.be/QS34r5g8aQQ>

or read the story in the description box below the video.

**Part 3: Vocabulary quiz**

Answer the “Think”-questions here: <https://ed.ted.com/on/FbjTrIcO>

**Part 4: Debate exercise – after watching *An Enigmatic Nature* by Anton Chekhov !**

Work in pairs (or in a group of three)

Pupil A makes a statement (choose from the new statements below/on the whiteboard).

Pupil B has to reply to the statement by saying **‘I couldn’t disagree more’ or I couldn’t agree more’**and **then give a reason why.**

Here’s an example:

Pupil A – ‘’I believe that politics is a waste of time’’

Pupil B – ‘’I couldn’t disagree more. Politics is incredibly important as politicians make decisions that affect every aspect of our lives, and … … … … … … … … … … …. ’

**Topics to choose from**

* Money is more important than happiness
* Love is a luxury
* It’s important to leave your comfort zone, and make your dreams come true
* Novels and movies confuse young people

If there is time:

**Part 5: Anton Chekhov and the Moscow Art Theater**

Watch this video: https://youtu.be/uMzuxuA1POU

**Part 6: The Life and Work of Anton Chekhov**

Watch this video: https://youtu.be/Uu7mQjC9QvE