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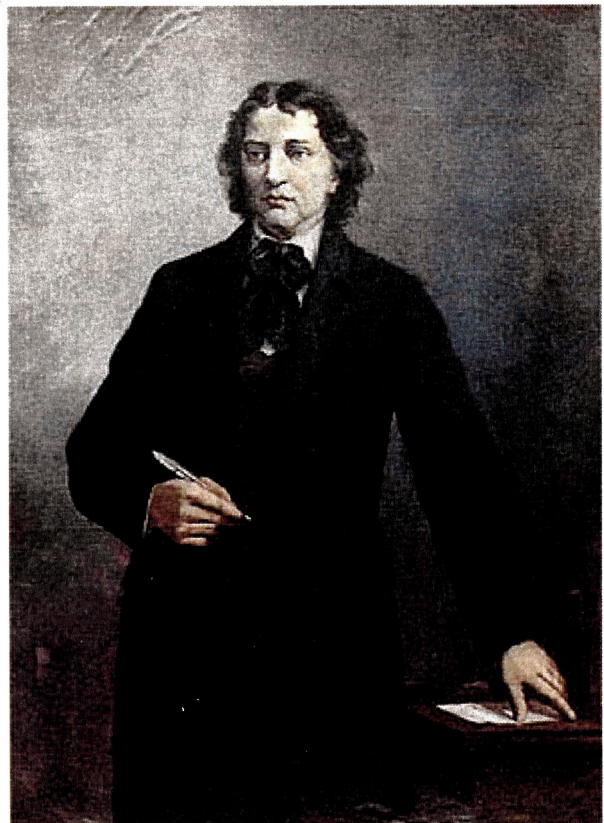
# FRANCE PREŠEREN

France Prešeren is to Slovenians <sup>what</sup> Goethe is to Germans, Dante to Italians, Pushkin to Russians, <sup>and</sup> Shakespeare to English. He is the greatest Slovenian poet. He is known as the one who inspired virtually all later Slovenian literature, as he <sup>was</sup> became the first modern Slovenian poet and through his poetry Slovenians became equals <sup>the literary</sup> in the literary sense of other European nations. <sup>In brief</sup> Prešeren was born in the

village of Vrba to peasant <sup>family</sup> parents. <sup>When?</sup> He finished his law education in Vienna, but he was unable to open his own office until two years before his death in Kranj. In his poetry he <sup>describes</sup> sang his <sup>unrequited</sup> unhappy love for ~~unobtainable~~ middle class lady, Julija Primic, his poetic calling, and the fate of his nation. His poetic work is <sup>collected</sup> contained in the book Poezije (Poems) published in 1847.

Prešeren's portrait was <sup>and</sup> even on the Slovenian 1,000-tolar note. The anniversary of his death has become a national holiday. <sup>and</sup> his poem "Zdravljica" was selected as the text for the national anthem when Slovenia became independent in 1991. <sup>\* [</sup> The poem takes a nation's freedom and independence and calls mutual understanding between equal, neighboring people. <sup>]</sup> The poem was especially popular during the Second World War. Prešeren wrote relatively

little during his lifetime. Truth be told, almost everything was contained in just one book, Poezije (Poems). <sup>as a poet</sup> I have told already, the poet Prešeren is a symbolic figure for today's <sup>modern</sup> Slovenians. In fact, it is little wonder that today, he somehow occupies the entire cultural scene. Literature in the nineteenth century greatly aided the formation of the new European nation states' identities, however, <sup>to the best of my knowledge</sup>, nowhere else did literature achieve such importance as in Slovenia. Despite initial doubts about the politics of poets, one must admit that they and their poetry played a large, <sup>and</sup> important role at critical moments <sup>in</sup> of the Slovenian <sup>national history</sup> nation's existence. In order to <sup>in</sup> confirm one's Slovenian identity, it is sufficient to be convinced that Prešeren excelled in his <sup>poetry</sup> poetic profession more than any other <sup>in</sup> at his time or later. He used the Slovenian language to express the most complex personal and social problems and did this in a wondrous way. Since a developed language was one of the key conditions for national identity, Prešeren in fact laid the groundwork for an independent Slovenian identity.



Where  
is Vrba?

Where  
is Kranj?

add a  
sentence  
here to  
make the  
narration  
better

Not sure  
what you  
mean

how?  
details!