

## *After the Ball* Worksheet

**A – Instructions:** Using your own paper write the word and definition. Use the dictionary or the reference computer to look up the meaning of the word.

Chamberlain  
Circumstance  
Cordial  
Corporeal  
Diadem  
Enourmous

Exqisit  
Fife  
Gauntlet  
Indispensable  
Meditative  
Nominally

Oblige  
Serf  
Subaltern  
Ultra

**B – Instructions:** On a separate piece of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. What scene does Ivan witness on the morning after the ball?
2. How do the events he witnessed affect Ivan's feeling for Varenka?
3. What did the colonel do that so upset Ivan?
4. Do you think Ivan is better off because of what he saw?
5. Ivan reveals that when the colonel caught sight of him the morning after the ball, "...he saw me. Assuming an air of not knowing me, and with a ferocious, angry frown, he hastily turned away." Why do you think Tolstoy includes this detail in his story?

**C - Instructions: *Punishment Proposal.*** Devise an alternative to the gauntlet as a means of punishing deserters. Write a proposal to the Tsar in which you explain your idea.