And Quiet Flows the Don (film)  
Тихий Дон  
Director: Sergei Gerasimov

Tape One/Part One

--Near the well Grigorii Melekhov (Григорий Мелехов) sees Aksinia Astakhova (Аксинья Астахова)

yoke-коромысло

--In the field, mowing/cutting the crops; scythe-коса; to whet a scythe- точить косу; mower, hey-maker-косарь

--Аксинья: «За всю жизнь за горькую отлюблю, а там хоть убей».

--Father decides to marry Gregorij to Natalia Korshunova

--The cossack wedding: pay attention to their beards, outfits, accents, folk dancing and singing, food and not quite clear/dimmed/ turbid home-brew (самогон).

“Samogon” is frequently associated /is seen to symbolize the minds of the peasants.

--The father, Petr Panteleevich Melelxov, is the most important person fo the household. He tells his sons what work needs to be done during each day. Children use the formal “you/Вы” when talking to their parents.

--Gregorii doesn’t love his wife Natalia: «Чужая как месяц. Жалко, но пусто на сердце».

Tape One/Part Two

--Grigoriï’s at the front; He receives a letter from his wife, but writes back that he doesn’t love her (9:25)

--July 1914 (9:40). The general talks about the war, the role of soldiers, Cossacks. Saber-

--Grigoriï kills a German soldier (9:22)

--Aksinia’s daughter dies (9:26); Grigoriï comes back; the dog recognizes him, but Aksinia wasn’t expecting him, She sleeps with her master, Evgenii Mikhailovich Lestnitsky. Beats up Lestnitsky (9:34).

--The year 1916-officers are drinking, playing cards, talking about the war, the role of the army, defeat and one officers talks about the coming revolution (9:37).

--Soldiers panic; Aksinia’s husband, Stepan. A Bolshevik talks about the fall of the monarchy (9:55).

--August 1917 (9:56)

--Brothers are killing each other: It’s either we kill them, or they will kill us.” The Bolsheviks kill officers who support the tsar (10:02)

--The year 1918. Cossacks divide: some support the Reds, others the Whites, yet others want to stay independent of both (10:18).