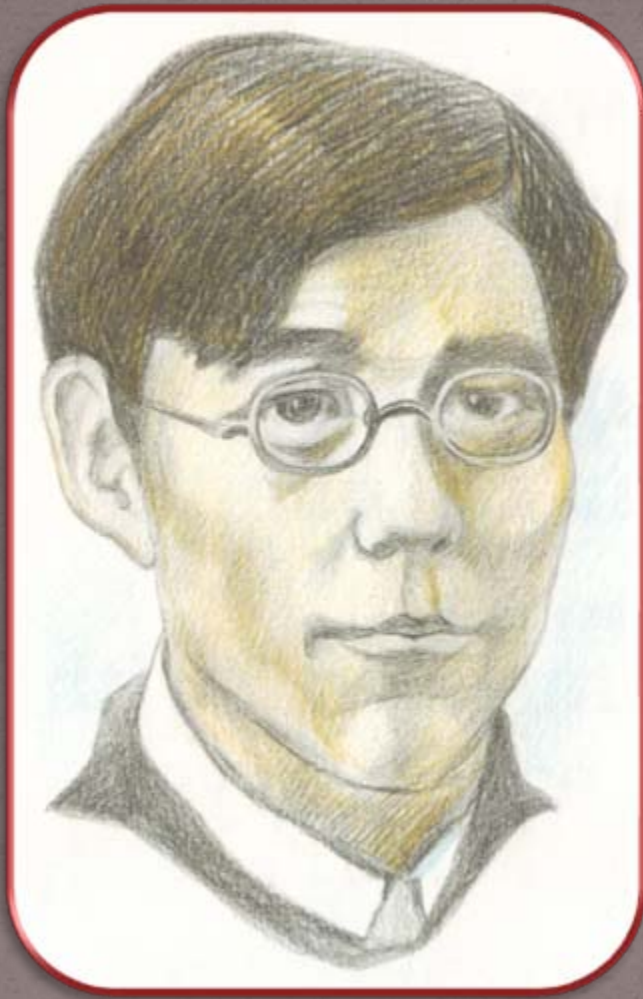


THE OLONKHO
"NYURGUN BOOTUR-THE-RAPID"



What is Olonkho?

- *Olonkho* is a common name for numerous Yakut heroic legends. The part of the text represents a rhymed prose in which short prose insertions occur.
- *Olonkho* appeared in ancient times and is considered to be the earliest epic relics of Turk-Mongolian peoples.
- The *Olonkho* content reflects the period of decay of the tribal system. Myths and god's images closely associated with general mythological ideas of ancient Yakuts are given much attention in *Olonkho*.



Platon Alexeevich Oyunsky

was a prominent Yakut
writer – the founder of
the Yakut Soviet
literature and a public
and state leader of
Yakutia.

Platon Oyunsky was born on the 11th of November, 1893 in a Yakut poor peasant's family.

Oyunsky's role in the formation of the Yakut Soviet literature is great. He is the author of works on literature, folklore, language and history of Yakuts.



The olonkho "Nyurgun Bootur-the-Rapid"
is like a gigantic symphony.

It is impressive in
the grandiose force
of fiery passions in
the furious struggle
between the Ai-ii
bukhatyrs and the
one-eyed cyclopes.



The olonkho is performed by olonkhohuts – olonkhosingers. In the past people could listen to them all night long. Olonkhohuts were singers, legend-tellers and improvisers.





Three worlds

- According to Sakha mythology the world is divided into three worlds: the Upper, Middle and Lower ones.
- In the Upper World lives the most powerful god – the Great Deity together with his small deities.
- In the Middle World live people and their spirits (itchchi). The inhabitants of the Middle World are called “relatives of the deities” or “a tribe of a god”.
- The monsters, abaahys live in the Lower World, they wreak havoc on the people.





The most important spirit in the Middle World is Aan Alakhchyn Khotun – a spirit of the earth who lives in a

Sacred Tree.

This spirit helps the defenders of the Middle World are called “relatives of the deities” or “a tribe of a god”.



Nyurgun Bootur-the-Rapid defends
the Sakha people from the abaaahys.

He is slender and slim like a
spear,
He is fast and rapid like an
arrow,
He is the best among people,
The strongest , the most
honest,
No equals to him among
The bukhatyrs of the World.
Rock-huge is his figure,
Fearsome is his face,
Prominent is his forehead,
Stubborn is his stare.

















Nyurgun Bootur's marriage to
Kylaannaakh Kuo. They marry and live
a happy life.