

## Jaroslav Hašek (1883-1923)

- Prague writer and humourist
- not good at school, worked in a chemist's shop, later Commercial Academy in Prague
- tramping through Slovakia, Hungary, Balkans, Galicia
- writing: anarchic, mocking, bohemian style
- writing: a mere job: thousands of humorous stories, wrote very easily
- bizarre details, sarcasm, hoaxes
- worked on a number of magazines. Invented fictitious animals for *The World of Animals*
- wrote for papers of opposing political persuasion, started a fight between them
- *The Party of Moderate and Peaceful Progress within the Limits of the Law* (1911)
- February 1915: joined the war, to Gallician front
- in 1916 joined the Czech Foreign Legion in Russia. In conflict with the Czech authorities, joined the bolsheviks
- Political activist in Samara, Bugulma
- radical supporter of socialism
- married a second wife Alexandra Lvova
- on return lapsed into bohemian lifestyle
- August 1921- moved to Lipnice nad Sázavou to write *Švejk*