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- his contemporaries Tolstoy and Dostoevsky.

view made him the first to see the true value of leading Russian writers