



The Role Of Women Victorian Literature

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Abstract

The objective of this work is to analyze, feminist viewpoint. Restrictive roles assigned to women as well as the ways in which the authors and challenged and these conventions. The discussion will also deal with double standard of literary criticism and independent female characters. It discusses about the feminist themes and social commentary present in Victorian literature. Through a critical analysis of literary texts, this research reveals the complex and miscellaneous roles of women in Victorian literature, highlighting their struggles, accomplishment, and contributions to the literary canon.

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Introduction

The Victorian era, spanning from **1837** to **1901** was a transformative period in British history marked by rapid industrialization urbanization and social change. English writing from this era reflects to major transformation in most aspects of English life, from scientific, economic and technological advances to change. Victorian literature, a product of its time reflects and challenges these societal limitations offering an engrossing lens through representations of women. The rise of feminism in the Victorian era also gave voice to women's experience and struggles challenging traditional gender roles and defender for women's equality. From the celestial ideal of femininity to the rebellious new women, literary portrayals of women reveal the pressure between societal expectations and individual desires. The goal of this piece is to demonstrate that feminism or the woman question was the preoccupation of many Victorian writers. Women's lives were shaped by and helped shape, the cultural and social situation of their time. It is worth to read Victorian novels and because of woman precious weight in Victorian fictions. Women's roles in society were limited and they were expected to conform to certain ideals of femininity.

The role of women in domesticity

Women were seen as home makers and caregivers, responsible for managing the household, raising children, and supporting their husbands. Naturally feminine activities, whereas reading anything other than religious biographies was bother. The role of women in domesticity has evolved significantly over time and varies across cultures. A woman who considered working outside the home was seen as masculine and unnatural. The traditional division of labor was based on gender roles and societal expectations. They provided comfort and happiness often at the expense of their own silent suffering. Women have historically

done more domestic work, such as laundry, cleaning and meal preparation domestic work is an important area of study in social sciences because it can help us understand gender inequality and labor dynamics. There is a growing recognition of the importance of shared responsibilities and equal partner ships in domestic life.

Social Reform

Victorian literature and social reform both reflected and shaped the immature role of women in society during the Victorian era. In the Victorian literature women's societal roles were often interpret as limited and restrictive reflecting the era's patriarchal norms. Some female characters in Victorian literature confront societal expectation and assert their independence and agency. Angel in the house women were expected to be pure innocent and selfless, creating a hurting home environment. The upper class held most of the country's political and economic control, which marginalized the working class and underclass. Women were seen as moral authorities, guiding their family's values and behavior. Men were meant to participate in politics and in paid work while women and meant to run households and raise families

Limited education and career opportunities

Women's access to education and career opportunities was limited. The Victorian era was marked by strict gender roles and stereotypes, known as **"Unique spheres. n."** women who sought independence like those who pursued careers or rejected marriage were often portrayed as unconventional or even dangers. Women were often only given a **"Idiotic"** education and were expected to be responsible for educating children and maintaining the household. Women's career choices were few, with marriage and motherhood seen as the primary options. The worked either in factories or in family business. In Victorian literature limited education and career convenience for women were common themes.

Influence on society

Victorian literature influenced public opinion and contributed to social change, cobblestone the way for future feminist movement many social changes with the birth and spread of political movements, most notably socialism humanitarianism and disenchantment women's limited options led to and even mental health issues. The British empire grow to become the first global industrial power. Women's limited education and career opportunities contributed to social isolation and immurement.

The problem of the Victorian woman

The **"Problem of the Victorian woman"** refers to the societal constraints and limitations faced by woman during the Victorian era. The other problems concerned the law **"Unique spheres"** sex and marriage, prudence, prostitution, middle class women and intelligence restrictive social roles and expectations she was totally reliant on him and under his control. Economic self-support on men limited personal freedom and autonomy. Another problem of the Victorian women which was also economic was the problem of the sex work of middle-class women. Limited access to divorce and property rights.

Conclusion

In this paper we have discussed problems of Victorian women faced and attempts to solve these problems. The role of the women literature and career and education list out of there are influenced society. The role of women in Victorian literature is complex and sophisticated reflecting the societal constraints and limitation of the time. Victorian literature often depicted women as submissive and confined to the domestic sphere, but some societal expectations and asserted their autonomy. the societal and constraints and emerging feminist ideals literary and social developments.

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