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Written text type(s):

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Non-fiction

Short story

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Print media

Title(s): The Crucible

Author(s):

Arthur Miller

PLANNING

How setting was used to develop understanding of themes?

Intro:

Setting - Massachusetts, Salem 1600

Puritan society

Individuality, Integrity, Reputation, Fear, Individuality

Body 1:

Fear

Witchcraft

Abigail quote

Fear of loss of reputation

Body 2:

Reputation

Elite society

Fear of loss

Body 3:

Individuality

Individuality Integrity

Religious principles - sin

stifling social order

Conclusion:

Summarise

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"To produce a mighty book, a mighty theme have to be chosen" quoted by Herman Melville, a popular American novelist shows the importance of themes in a novel. According to Miller, themes arises from setting. In the novel "The Crucible" written by Arthur Miller ^{in 1953}, the ~~now~~ setting is in the land of Salem. The novel tells the story about the Puritan society who believed and were followed by McCarthyism. The setting of the novel is used by the author to develop the understanding of three main themes namely fear, reputation and individuality. Salem back in 1600s was named for witchcraft and witchtrials. The novel portrays the hysteria broken out in the village of Salem which the battle of people to save their lives ended up some on tainted name and some on death. During 1600s, Salem Therefore Miller develops the theme of fear, reputation and individuality by using the witchcraft period in Salem as the setting.

confusing

Understands
complexity
of
setting

clear
ideas
about
social,
climate

The setting of Salem develops the understanding of the ^{main} key theme of fear. Fear and hysteria quickly

overruns Salem. People were afraid of witches and being accused as one. People of Salem went through all their crucibles in life during the witchcraft period in 1600s. Fear overwhelmed the people of Salem in different ways and different phases.

Fear of witchcraft was exceeded by false accusations of being accused as one. Being a part of Puritan society, people considered witchcraft as a sin. Confessing lies and signing them was another sin according to religious beliefs. People of Salem wrestled with their conscience whether to live in a tainted name or to die in reputation. The gallows of witchcraft created a large sphere of fear in people of Salem. The antagonist of the novel, Abigail Williams was the source of start of witchcraft in Salem. She ruled among the village girls and made them to fear as she said "Hear me. Let either of you breathe a word, or the edge of the words, I'll come to you at the black of the night with a reckoning and shudder you. And you know I can do it?"

This quote portrays the situation of Salem who feared everyone and everything in the name of witchcraft. The next phase of fear was fear of loss of reputation. Contrasting ^{insightful} considerations of self-interests motivated Judge Danforth and Parris to make the innocents to confess in order to preserve their reputation. This fear of loss of power and reputation ended up many on death.

insightful

Understands impact of beliefs at the time

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Impacts nature of setting convincingly

[Thus the setting of Salem in 1600 develops the understanding of the main theme of fear.] ^{Fear} It is still a relevant theme in our society today. Teenagers are the vulnerable victims to it. Fear of loss of relationships, Fear of obstacles in life and Fear of future life are examples of fear in day-to-day life which leads to anxiety and depression. Arthur Miller clearly states it through the setting of Salem by indicating fear would not resolve problems but would introduce new problems. This is a message to all to live peacefully and happily as everything happens for a reason. [Here].

Systematically
impacts
consequence
of
setting

Reputation is another main theme that is developed by the use of setting in Salem. People of Salem comprised of a hierarchical structure. Miller characterizes each of the character in the novel in a different class. But the setting of Salem reinforces that ^{people being} built on a Puritan society truly cares about their reputation. No matter what class they belong to, teenagers ~~and~~ ranging from teenagers to the Judge of Salem who holds power, all cares about reputation. *Strong conclusion*

Reputation is being dignified in the society. Miller strongly develops the understanding of the theme of reputation through the protagonist of the novel, John Proctor, who is a farmer. He owned his rules, his values and his attitude.

He maintained a good reputation in society until his death. Even though the threatening of Abigail about the relation and adultery between them was a means to taint his name, his loss of own life for his name shows the high esteem of John Proctor to save his name which equates with his soul. He quoted "Because it is my name. I cannot leave without my name. I have given you my soul. Leave me my name" while he was forced to sign his confession. He believed signing to lies is lying to himself. Mo. Even though most of the people of Salem tainted their name by confessing to lies, John was an exception. He was honest and an upright man who emphasised his values through his death. The use of Salem as a setting allowed the reader to understand no matter where you belong to, who you belong to, reputation always matters. As Salem was overrun by fear many people lose hope and tainted their name. But John was an exception. Judge Danforth was another character that cared for reputation. He sensed his own blindness. He quoted "Postponement speaks floundering in my part. Reprieve or pardon may cast doubt upon the guilt of that died till now". Being a judge, he was meant to serve justice. But as Salem cared for reputation, Danforth defended his court by lying but protecting his reputation. Teenagers

shows insight

In today's society believes in reputation because the support of others depend on it. If you are not dignified in society, society won't value you. Politicians and celebrities who cares about reputation among people are another examples. Therefore the setting of Salem develops the understanding of the theme of reputation by showing Salem was comprised of people who were cared and holded reputation.

Moves
beyond
text

Furthermore

Individuality is another main theme that was developed by using Salem as the setting. When fear and hysteria overuned in Salem, individuality was lost for some people and gained for some others. The ~~wrestling~~ people of Salem ~~wrestled~~ who were accused as witches were wrestling with their conscience. The battle of people whether to lie to themselves and thereby save from all gallows or to die in reputation questioned the individuality of each person. A character that died in reputation is John Proctor. He was an individualist person who stood up against all false accusations and stifling social order.

Shows
insightful
understanding

Links
ideas to
text
effectively

Salem asked everyone to taint their name for own lives as the setting of witchcraft motivated so. Hale quoted "cleave to no faith when faith brings blood." Even though Hale was an honest and intellectual person, the

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Witch trials of Salem forced him to ^{ask the} condemned to confess to save their lives. But just characters such as John Proctor and Rebecca Nurse stood up against the society of Salem which was ruled by witchcraft to show up their individuality. "You have made your magic now; for now I see some stored of goodness in you John Proctor" quoted by John himself shows his individualist spirit.

John is an inspiration to all the teenagers who ^{to} considers running away from life through suicide and other activities is the only resolution to obstacles in life. Miller shows that even though Salem was completely under the control of witchcraft, characters like John Proctor stood up for their rights and thus saved their name by showing their individualist spirit.

In conclusion, the novel 'The Crucible' written by Arthur Miller used the setting of Salem of 1600 to develop the understanding of three main themes namely fear, reputation & individuality. Miller leaves the readers a rhetorical question asking "Are we socially advanced" stating to improve these the moral values in our lives to stand

A appreciates
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purpose

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up against the society for truth and social values. Abolishing fear will boost up individuality and would bring us reputation which would allow us to succeed in life with flying colours.

Fully appreciative of
the impact this setting
had on the
ideas and
characterisation

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In the Years To Kill a Mockingbird

Author(s):

Harper Lee

PLANNING

1st P: Juxtaposition, hideous - vulnerable

- Gothic Tone
- Calmer suspects Respectable niggers, facade

2 P

- Abundant a huge overhead - Mobs in Maycomb
- News Paper
- Straggling figures,
- Mob of ~~characters~~

3 P

- Scout's innocent narration
- Though they were cold, friendly animals.
- Mob of animals

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It ~~has~~^{takes} courage and a sense of conviction to challenge the prejudice views that society may hold. ~~The~~^{Lee} The Novel 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper, uses Atticus Finch to portray this is set in a small community in the Southern States of America. Atticus Finch is used to portray the values needed in order to take a stand against social prejudice. The event that was used to comment on a negative aspect of society, was when a white mob, ^{who} came to lynch Tom Robinson. A black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. Throughout the novel Lee uses techniques like; Imagery, Dialogue and Exposition to uncover society's viewpoint ^{on} of social prejudice. Lee was seen as a forerunner for the civil rights movement due to her ability to expose the hypocrisy of a national prejudice that society is tainted with.

Strong opening

Identifies a specific event.

Analysing how ideas were presented

The lynch mob event was extremely important in the process of commenting on prejudice within Maycomb's society. Maycomb is a small town in the South South of the United States, ~~It~~ were

racism was an everyday ~~second~~ occurrence
 for its citizens. The prison there was "Maycomb's
 most vulnerable and ^{hideous} ~~hideous~~ buildings." The
 juxtaposition of the two words vulnerable
 and hideous immediately imply that the court
 or legal system is extremely unfair. Also that
 the one most like biased towards whites as
 "it was only niggers that lived there." When
 she states that the prison was a "Gothic joke,
 with one cell ~~which~~ a two cells wide..." She
 is commenting on the joke that imprisonment was
 become in Maycomb. This means that as ^{only} ~~mostly~~
 niggers lived there, ~~then~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~whites~~,
~~what imprisonment has become a joke to them.~~
 this so called joke only ~~is~~ ~~is~~ applies to white
 society. The ~~mean~~ innocent narration of
 a younger Scout is used ironically when she
 states, "The prison were gave Maycomb a respectable
 look, no one would suspect it to be full of niggers."
 The use of the words respectable and nigger in
 the same sentence suggest that even the
 white society is extremely ~~naïve~~ ~~naïve~~ ^{insightful}
 under the facade of respect. Further implying
 that society does not respect the negro
 population as if people suspected that niggers
 were the jail was 'full of niggers,' then they
 would lose all respect for what the jail
 was. Also the reader recognizes the fact that
 a 7 year old would not know if that

recognises significance
of narrative
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jail "was full of niggers" or not. She is simply guessing on a per prejudice theory.

These techniques show how the Lynch mob event is making a comment on society's racial prejudice, as it portrays ~~how deep~~ how white society's knows that it is wrong as they cover it with 'Jokes and so called 'respectability' as they are to scared to change. One man who took change in his stride was Martin Luther King, he also arose in Harper Lees time and challenged the views of a white supremacy.

insightful
comment

Throughout the novel and especially the Lynch Mob scene, Atticus Finch was used to portray the courage needed to force change. Atticus was described as 'being oblivious to the night bugs flying over his head'. This shows that he is symbolically oblivious to the building mob mentality building in his town. This further backs up the irony of his statement "we don't have mobs in Maycomb, never will and never have." This also portrays ~~his~~ ~~his~~ his kindness at he turn a blind eye to the evil thoughts of others. Listing is also used when Lee writes 'He looked up, folded his news paper, put in on the ground and listened.' This means that Atticus is an open character and will read or listen to the facts before coming to a conclusion.

insightful
appreciation
of
character

quite the opposite to the 'shadowy figures that approached him.' By referring to them as a mass of 'shadowy' figures she is making a comment on how the figures can not hold their own opinion as they are scared to do so. Also the term shadowy refers also to those who lack judgement, this means that they may feel that their opinion is wrong and they have been peer pressured into it. Unfortunately this is how an opinion is created. Much like the Ku Klux Klan, if there was not peer pressure into that group then it would not have occurred. This helps the reader understand Lee's comment on a vast society as they recognise how that viewpoint is created and applied.

unpacks impact of peer pressure in a convincing way.

The ironic ~~and~~ use of narration is used to expose the hypocrisy and racial views within ~~users~~ Maycomb and society. Scout's innocent narration is used when she states "the friendly conversation between Atticus and the shadows when on and on." This implies that Scout ~~was~~ has not been exposed to the racial views that society holds, mostly due to Atticus' equality and protection. She then goes on to say, "the men's faces were completely covered... they must have been cold. The irony of the statement is exposed

when she realises the evil nature of the 'shabby' figures. By not judging the ~~figure~~ lynch mob (shabbies) when first seeing them so the reader can recognise the contrast between Atticus's values and the judgemental values of society. When the reader ~~later~~ recognises the Mr Cunningham, ~~is involved in the~~ "a kind hearted man", is involved in the lynch Mob they recognise the power of that a majority can have on someone. We know he was peer pressured as "he was the only man with an uncurved face" symbolising that he is different from the rest and doesn't want to take part. One man who should not take part in the prejudice society pressured him into was Mahatma Gandhi. He portrayed the same courage and will that Atticus did when faced by charge against prejudice. The many and conviction show that the lynch mob event is used to comment on a racist society as, it portrays the courage & and conviction needed to challenge the wrong viewpoints that can evolve from peer pressure.

Insightful understanding of the consequences of this event

moves beyond the text.

In the Novel 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee the lynch mob event

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is used to comment on the racial prejudice within society. Kowale should be exposed to racial prejudice ever as it kills the Mockingbirds of our society. It kills their opinions.

Answers specifics of the question and links event to 'aspects of society' in a consistently insightful understanding.

Grade	Question	Text title	Comment
07	4	The Crucible	Sets up the setting really well. Links to aspects of themes clearly. Shows a consistently insightful understanding of the impact the setting has on the situation and ideas. Own expression is weak.
08	6	To Kill a Mockingbird	Good choice of event and shows insightful understanding. Understanding of society and context is perceptive.