

METHODS OF LITERARY ANALYSIS.

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Abstract: Literary analysis is an important tool used by scholars, students, and enthusiasts to delve deeper into the complexities of literary works. Literary analysis studies various elements of the text, such as language, structure, themes, and characters, and seeks to reveal the underlying meaning and messages embedded in the work. There are several methods of literary analysis that offer different perspectives and approaches to interpreting and understanding literature. In this article, we will look at some of the main methods of literary analysis and their importance in uncovering the complexities of literature.

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Literary analysis is the main aspect of studying and understanding literature. It involves examining and interpreting various elements of a literary work to uncover its deeper meanings, themes, and messages. There are several methods of literary analysis that scholars and critics use to analyze and evaluate literature in depth. Formalist analysis, also known as New Criticism, focuses on the text itself rather than external factors such as the author's intent or historical context. This method emphasizes a close reading of the language, structure, and literary devices used in the work. Formalist critics believe that the content of a text is inherent in its form and can be discovered through a careful examination of its stylistic elements. Structuralist analysis views literature as a system of signs and symbols that convey meaning through their relationships and structures. Influenced by the work of Ferdinand de Saussure, this method focuses on the basic structures and patterns that govern the text. Structuralist critics seek to uncover the underlying binary oppositions and codes that shape the narrative and meaning of a work. Reader-response criticism emphasizes the role of the reader in interpreting and constructing meaning from a literary text. This method examines how readers' personal experiences, beliefs, and emotions influence their understanding and interpretation of a work.

Reader-response critics argue that meaning is not fixed within the text, but is created through the interaction between the reader and the text. Postcolonial criticism examines literature in the context of colonialism and postcolonial power dynamics emerges, explores how colonialism and imperialism shaped literary images and narratives. This approach focuses on issues of identity, race, and cultural hybridity in

the literature of formerly colonized territories. Postcolonial critics seek to challenge Eurocentric views and emphasize marginalized voices in literature. Marxist criticism analyzes literature through the lens of class struggle, economic relations, and power dynamics. This method examines how literature reflects and reinforces the social and economic structures of society. Marxist critics focus on issues of inequality, exploitation, and resistance in literary works, showing the ways in which literature reinforces and challenges dominant ideologies.

Literary analysis includes various methods and approaches used by scholars and readers to interpret and understand literary works. This method focuses on the text itself, examining its structure, language, style, and literary devices to uncover its meaning. Formalist analysis emphasizes close reading and focuses on the form and aesthetics of the work. Structuralism views literature as a system of signs and symbols that convey meaning. It explores the underlying structures and patterns in the text to reveal them in greater depth. Influenced by the work of Sigmund Freud, this approach explores the psychological motivations of characters and authors. Psychoanalytic criticism examines the unconscious desires, fears, and conflicts that shape literary works. Marxist analysis focuses on the social, economic and political conditions in which literature was created. It examines how power dynamics, class struggles, and economic conditions affect the themes and messages of the text.

Feminist analysis examines literature through a gender lens and examines how gender roles, stereotypes, and power dynamics are reflected in literary works. It seeks to expose and challenge patriarchal norms and biases in literature. Postcolonial analysis examines literature in the context of colonial and postcolonial power dynamics. She examines how colonialism, imperialism, and cultural hegemony are reflected in literary texts and how marginalized voices are represented. This approach focuses on the reader's interpretation and response to the text. Reader-response critics consider how readers' backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives shape their understanding of a literary work. Deconstruction challenges traditional notions of meaning and binary oppositions in literature. It seeks to reveal contradictions and complexities within a text and to destabilize fixed interpretations. These are just a few of the many methods of literary analysis that scholars and readers use to engage with and interpret literature. Each method provides a unique perspective and contributes to a deeper understanding of the complexities and nuances of literary works.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, literary analysis includes a variety of methods and approaches that enable students to engage with literature and interpret it meaningfully. Scientists and critics can reveal the complex and subtle aspects of literary works by using different analysis methods and gain deeper information about the cultural, social and political aspects of literature. Each method of literary analysis offers unique

perspectives and frameworks for understanding and evaluating the richness and diversity of literary texts.

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