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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: AN ANALYSIS OF MACBETH'S CHARACTER

GRIN Verlag Seminar paper from the year 2002 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2.0, University of Education Ludwigsburg, 5 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: I would like to base my essay on the protagonist Macbeth. Probably composed in late 1606 or early 1607, Macbeth is the last of Shakespeare's tragedies, the others being Hamlet, King Lear and Othello. If Hamlet is the grandest of Shakespeare's plays, Macbeth is from a tragic standpoint the most sublime and the most impressive as an active play. If we just consider the plot, Macbeth is a relatively simple play. In fact like Richard III and numerous pre-Shakespearean plays, it deals with a traditional form: the rise and fall of a great man. In the first part of the play we read about Macbeth's rise to power; then he manages to become king of Scotland. From this moment on he begins with a period of tyranny that will end with Macbeth's death and the accession to the throne of the legitimate king. For this reason he can be considered as the epitome of a tragic hero. In the course of the play we notice a great development of Macbeth's character. At the beginning he is a man much honoured by his countrymen for his leading and courageous part in defence of his good king and native land. During many conflicts he showed his great courage and he continues showing this personal quality also when he becomes king

and he has to take a lot of difficult decisions. But this first description about Macbeth's character is not the definitive one: in fact as soon as we meet him, we find out also his negative qualities, for example that he is both ambitious and murderous. It happens when the two Scottish generals, Macbeth and his friend Banquo, returning victorious from the great battle against a rebel army assisted by the troops of Norway, meet three witches in the middle of the road. They begin to speak to Macbeth: the first of them greets him with the title of Thane of Glam

MACBETH

ON THE CHARACTER OF LADY MACBETH

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THE DIFFERENT REPRESENTATIONS OF LADY MACBETH'S CHARACTER IN SHAKESPEARE'S TRAGEDY AND IN KURZEL'S ADAPTATION

GRIN Verlag Seminar paper from the year 2019 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1.7, University of Bonn, language: English, abstract: This term paper will focus on Kurzel's adaptation, more precisely it will focus on one of Shakespeare's most controversial characters: Lady Macbeth. Reading Shakespeare offers the reader the opportunity to interpret Lady Macbeth in different ways. While some adaptations present Lady Macbeth as an evil woman who has a masculine side, others present her more as a potent person and give her an empowering touch, there are also people who might see her as a victim of her devotion to her husband. Focusing on the female gender, this paper will analyse and compare how Lady Macbeth is presented and illustrated in Shakespeare's original play and in Kurzel's Adaptation. First, the paper is going to give a general overview on 'Feminist Theory' by introducing key terms that are significant for the analysis. Then it will give a short overview of the characteristics of an ideal Elizabethan woman. The main part will focus on two scenes in which Lady Macbeth is actively present. After deconstructing the selected Lady Macbeth scenes, in the source text and in the adaptation, it will compare them to each other. Therefore, the main part of this paper will analyse the character of Lady Macbeth by focusing on the female gender and comparing how she is represented in the book and in the movie. It will pay attention to the historical context, speech, gestures and mimics, but also on costumes and

setting. William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright, who wrote his poems and plays during the Renaissance. He is known for his various works of literature. "Sonnet 18", Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet are only a few examples of his famous works. His unique plays are dealing with different topics, showing wide knowledge of human behavior, expressed through a vast range of characters. Shakespeare's works are still read and taught not only in school and university but also play a role in our daily lives; his topics are still relevant today. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Shakespeare's plays and sonnets have been adapted into more than 420 films and TV-Movie versions. Macbeth was filmed 37 times. The most recent Macbeth adaptation is from 2015 by Justin Kurzel.

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FREEDOM, FELLOWSHIP AND CHARACTER IN RELIGION

AN ESSAY ON THE CHARACTER OF MACBETH [IN ANSWER TO AN ARTICLE IN THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW].

LADY MACBETH OF THE MZINSK DISTRICT

Skomlin Katerina is stifled by her loveless marriage to a bitter man twice her age, whose family are cold and unforgiving. When she embarks on a passionate affair with a young worker on her husband's estate, a force is unleashed inside her, so powerful that she will stop at nothing to get what she wants. Leskov's wrote the novella in the Kiev university's punishment room. He described how his hair stood on end as he worked on it alone in that cold place and swore he would never describe such horrors again. It was published in Dostoyevsky's Epoch magazine in 1865 and is a picture of almost unrelieved wickedness and passion. Ignored at first by contemporaries it is now regarded as a masterpiece.

DAEMONOLOGIE

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Daemonologie-in full Daemonologie, In Forme of a Dialogue, Divided into three Books: By the High and Mighty Prince, James &c.-was written and published in 1597 by King James VI of Scotland (later also James I of England) as a philosophical dissertation on contemporary necromancy and the historical relationships between the various methods of divination used from ancient black magic. This included a study on demonology and the methods demons used to bother troubled

men while touching on topics such as werewolves and vampires. It was a political yet theological statement to educate a misinformed populace on the history, practices and implications of sorcery and the reasons for persecuting a witch in a Christian society under the rule of canonical law. This book is believed to be one of the main sources used by William Shakespeare in the production of Macbeth. Shakespeare attributed many quotes and rituals found within the book directly to the Weird Sisters, yet also attributed the Scottish themes and settings referenced from the trials in which King James was involved.

STUDIES AND MEMOIRS

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PERFORMING ARTS/BOOKS IN PRINT

THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT OF MACBETH AND OF EVIL IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY

GRIN Verlag Essay from the year 2014 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Potsdam (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Shakespeare's Tragedies II, language: English, abstract: "So foul and fair a day I have not seen" (Shakespeare Act I, Scene 3, l. 38) . These words mentioned by Macbeth, the main protagonist of the corresponding tragedy, echo one of the main themes of the whole play: nothing is as it seems to be. This central topic also arises in other tragedies by William Shakespeare. In "Macbeth", this motive appears in a much stronger way. This tragedy tells the journey of a former loyal and shining hero, who evolves into the center of evil. "Macbeth" is considered as one of the most sinister tragedies of William Shakespeare. From the beginning on, the setting is depicted as a world full of nightmares, darkness, murder and treason. The play is constituted in a barren landscape, considered as a reference to hell. Most of the events happen during the nighttime, which supports this sinister impression. Some of the attempts that were made to analyze Macbeth, describe him as pure evil and a tyrant. A psychopath, who mercilessly defends his position as a king by killing every possible opponent who crosses his path. Other

interpretations draw him as a victim, torn between the question of what is right and what is wrong and influenced by the evil that surrounds him. How can a man, who is firstly described as a hero and a loyal subject change in such a dramatic way? Which path does he take to become such a criminal individual like he mostly is described? What changes happen within his mind? These questions about the character development or in other words, the development of the evil within Macbeth are the core of this paper. In this research, the Reclam version of Shakespeare's "Macbeth", published 2011 in Ditzingen, Germany, is used.

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'FRAILTY, THY NAME IS WOMAN': THE DEPICTION OF WOMEN IN THE REVENGER'S TRAGEDY AND IN SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET AND MACBETH

GRIN Verlag Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2.0, Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This paper deals with the question how women are depicted in English Renaissance drama, exemplified by the women in The Revenger's Tragedy and in Shakespeare's Hamlet and Macbeth. It shall be examined which functions women in the drama fulfill and which conclusion their status allows. Of particular interest will be the concept of the 'unruly woman', who unites characteristics like mysteriousness, seductiveness and inexplicability. The analysis will show that none of the examined characters Gertrude, Ophelia, Lady Macbeth, Lady Macduff, Gratiana, Gloriana, Castiza, Antonio's wife and the Duchess are shaped plainly but ambivalently. Therefore, no explicitly good or evil female character can be identified. With regard to the widespread misogynistic view on women in the 17th century, this speaks for the dramas' authors. However, various negative human features that are presented as typically female, will be taken into consideration and questioned as the basis for discussing the issue whether the dramatists can be rather regarded as feminists or sexists. Moreover, a short insight into the potential origins of the (male) perception of the Renaissance woman is presented and shall clarify and explain the circumstances, in which rather 'modern' matters like woman's self-perception, ambition and emancipation, self-determination and reputation. The paper's aim is to expose what the general way of women's depiction actually is and to investigate if the dichotomy between men and woman can be portrayed in the simplified way of depicting female weakness versus male strength. Furthermore, it shall be focused on the strikingly depicted male superiority and dominance in the plays, its nature, consequences, the connected

illusions and, maybe, underlying weaknesses. Additionally, the analysis will focus on questions suggesting themselves such as the discussion of woman's habitual death in Renaissance drama, the identification of the different angles of depiction and, above all, the inquiry of the thesis if women are really depicted as morally and socially inferior to men and, if yes, whether this can be justified.

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MACBETH (MAXNOTES LITERATURE GUIDES)

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each act in detail. Includes study questions and answers along with topics for papers and sample outlines.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS RELATING TO THE NEW SHAKSPERE SOCIETY

PUBLICATIONS

THE SUPERNATURAL IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS "HAMLET" AND "MACBETH"

GRIN Verlag Seminar paper from the year 2022 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, University of Bonn, language: English, abstract: Stories with supernatural elements like ghosts and witches existed before the coming of Christianity. Folkloric tales, vernacular beliefs and legends were at the roots of such stories. Ghosts and witches fascinated and at the same time scared many people around the world. During Shakespearean times, people believed in the idea of good and evil and were very superstition. The idea of the afterlife was also very popular. The unknown scared but at the same time amused many people; therefore, many plays feature supernatural elements in them. William Shakespeare, who wrote his plays during the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras used supernatural beings like ghosts and witches to help move the plot and convey a certain atmosphere. The depiction of supernatural creatures changed throughout the years. Many stories feature different kinds of ghosts and the reasons for their appearances. The contemporary image of ghosts and witches is vastly different from the medieval ones. In the past, ghosts appeared to convey a message or haunt the living, while witches were usually women who did not conform to the standards of society at the time. The term paper will explore the roles of The Weird Sisters and decide whether they are responsible for Macbeth's actions or he alone is in charge of his destiny. The theme of prophecy and the role of destiny that was very popular at the time the play was written is also going to be explored and analyzed. Moreover, I will compare the Ghost of Hamlet to the Ghost of Banquo in the plays. The aim of this term paper is to trace supernatural creatures in Shakespearean plays and find reasons for the use of the supernatural in the plays. In Hamlet, I will focus my attention on the Ghost, its description, and its purpose in the play. In Macbeth, I will look at The Weird Sisters and the Ghost of Banquo. In order to contrast the ghosts in both plays, I will look at their appearances, purpose in the play, and personal motifs. Moreover, I will explore the role of witchcraft, prophecy and destiny in Macbeth.

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SHAKESPEARE'S UNRULY WOMEN

Folger Shakespeare Lib Ziegler, Dolan, and Roberts' "attention is directed specifically to the representations of Shakespeare's women in the Victorian era, rather than on the Elizabethan stage ... [They have] culled from the [Folger] Library's vast holdings a remarkably varied and illuminating array of books, manuscripts, and illustrations which provide a new understanding of how Shakespeare's heroines came to embody, reflect, and refract the values and assumptions of nineteenth-century English society."-- Foreword, p.7.

RUTHLESS AMBITION AND MORAL SCRUPLES IN SHAKESPEARE'S "MACBETH"

GRIN Verlag Essay from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, University of Stuttgart (Anglistik), course: Introduction to Literary Studies, language: English, abstract: Is Macbeth blinded by his ruthless ambition? Or does he still have moral scruples? This essay is an analysis of the figure Macbeth with the aim to proof that he does have moral scruples, which eventually lend credence to his character. Macbeth is certainly one of the shortest tragedies written by William Shakespeare. Still, it is one of the most well-known Shakespearean tragedies. The entire play consists of only five acts which tell the story of the ambitious Thane of Glamis Macbeth, who murders his king in order to accede to the throne. The main character shows an unusual complexity for such a concise play.

SHAKESPEARIANA

With vol. 6 was issued "The Teachers' supplement. Conducted by W.S. Allis," no. 1-2, May-Oct. 1889.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF FEMININITY AND MASCULINITY IN SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH

GRIN Verlag Examination Thesis from the year 2007 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Potsdam (Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik), 50 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: The title of this paper is "The Construction of Femininity and Masculinity in Shakespeare's Macbeth". As this title suggests, I analyzed how Shakespeare construes female and male identity in Macbeth. As in many Shakespearean dramas the play starts with the destruction of order leading up to a crisis and ending in the restoration of order at the end of the play (Gelfert 32). The political order that is destroyed in the course of the play is King Duncan's natural and fair order which appreciates a unique set of masculine and feminine values. Macbeth murders King Duncan in order to usurp his throne. Macbeth's reign turns Duncan's order into chaos and moral order

cannot return to Scotland until the tyrant ruler Macbeth is defeated by troops who fight for the restoration of Duncan`s order, through the coronation of his son Malcolm. This essay deals with the question of how Shakespeare shapes female and male characters. As a matter of fact, female and male characters are ultimately involved in the destruction and restoration of Scotland. This involves questions such as: Which historical concepts does Shakespeare use to construe his male and female characters? Does he construe "typical" gender roles? And what happens when gender boundaries are crossed, when men develop feminine traits and women male ones? With special regard to the marriage of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, I also analyzed the interaction between the genders. In the course of my analysis, I used the term "gender", originating from Anglo-American feminist discourse, meaning "the social, cultural, and psychological meaning imposed upon biological sexual identity" (Showalter 1-2). Interpreting femininity and masculinity as "gender" constructions allows a more thorough analysis of the various processes involved in the "making" of men and women. Whilst the term "sex" suggests that children naturally acquire the appropriate masculine or feminine behavioural norms of their society, the term "gender" can also indicate that some people feel discrepancies between their "anatomical sex and experiential sense of gender and sexuality" (Showalter 2). After a short historical introduction about the origins of the play, I analyzed the masculine world of chivalry that the play takes place in. Understanding the world of chivalry, its values and codes is required as most of the male characters are construed as chivalrous knights serving in the corps of King Duncan. Enjoy!

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OTHELLO

Enter RODERIGO and IAGORODERIGOTush! never tell me; I take it much unkindly That thou, Iago, who hast had my purse As if the strings were thine, shouldst know of this.IAGO'Sblood, but you will not hear me: If ever I did dream of such a matter, Abhor me.RODERIGOThou told'st me thou didst hold him in thy hate.IAGODespise me, if I do not. Three great ones of the city, In personal suit to make me his lieutenant, Off-capp'd to him: and, by the faith of man, I know my price, I am worth no worse a place: But he; as loving his own pride and purposes, Evades them, with a bombast circumstance Horribly stuff'd with epithets of war; And, in conclusion,

Nonsuits my mediators; for, 'Certes, ' says he, 'I have already chose my officer.' And what was he? Forsooth, a great arithmetician, One Michael Cassio, a Florentine, A fellow almost damn'd in a fair wife; That never set a squadron in the field, Nor the division of a battle knows More than a spinster; unless the bookish theoretic, Wherein the toged consuls can propose As masterly as he: mere prattle, without practise, Is all his soldiership. But he, sir, had the election: And I, of whom his eyes had seen the proof At Rhodes, at Cyprus and on other grounds Christian and heathen, must be be-lee'd and calm'd By debtor and creditor: this counter-caster, He, in good time, must his lieutenant be, And I-God bless the mark!-his Moorship's ancient

THE CONTROVERSIAL CHARACTER OF SHAKESPEARE'S LADY MACBETH

MANLY HEROINE OR (STEREOTYPICAL) MASTERED FEMALE?

GRIN Verlag Essay from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Siegen (FB 3: Literatur-, Sprach- und Medienwissenschaften), course: A Survey of English Literature 1500-1750, 14 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: In Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth (1606), the plot's fatale process is actuated due to some disastrous factors working hand in hand: Obviously, the witches and their mysterious prophecy play an initializing role, but only the particular disposition of the protagonist and - what is maybe even more important - the character sketch of his wife induce the tapering of the story line. This essay is to concentrate on the latter part of the portentous couple, Lady Macbeth. Its focus of analysis is the matter of femaleness: Up to what extent does the central woman character leave the specific 'female realm' of passiveness, debility and subjection? Is she to be considered a revolutionary, emancipated woman? Or do we find more points in her behaviour supporting that all her attempts to step out of the male domination must fail?

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