

## English Society in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

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### Abstract

Prior to examining an artistic work, it is important to make an examination about the period and society in which the essayist lived just as its people and their method for living, custom and laws so as to comprehend the author's reality view and prepare for a however investigation of his work. At that point in this theme we survey the authentic, social and true to life foundations of the novel under investigation as to look at the ways by which these might have affected the substance and type of the novel .We will manage English society in the nineteenth century concentrating on the public activity, economy and the situation of women in England, additionally, we will audit the essayist's life and works and talk about the hypothesis to be utilized for the examination study which is Feminism. The eighteenth and nineteenth century can be portrayed by the quantities of uprisings which were brought about by a social and political circumstance. These occasions began to decide individuals' emotions, their requirements and needs. Composing style turned out to be progressively enthusiastic and instinctual. It implies that the nineteenth century essayists re-established the Elizabethan's style in writing which was depicted by the ethical shows and love issues. Moreover, their imagination concentrated on the composition guns of medieval occasions. In this research paper, it is all about the English society, how about their social life and the

treatment of women. It is from very ancient times that women are not respected and there are many instances for that as well.

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## **Introduction**

Victorian society, also referred as Victorian Era introduced a period of extraordinary success to England. It is the period that that harmonizes with the reign of Queen Victoria in 1837. Many changes took place in this era and thus make it the most progressive in the English history. Changes like in politics, economy and the society and even in the nation affected the living standard. Moreover, it was the time of industrial revolution that made England top nation. It was due to the development in trade and industry firm. It gave a new texture to people's life, improved their lifestyle and created a new world to the Victorians. Queen Victoria managed over England for an enormous piece of the century, from 1837 to 1901.(Encyclopedia Britannica )The Industrial Revolution provoked a huge section of the British population to move from farming to manufacturing professions, as openings for work moved to the urban communities. Most of the population moved to urban areas like London for work in factories and textile industries was on demand. It denotes the most fundamental change of human life throughout the entire existence of England and its people and women. England had seen numerous developments in various fields, for example, science, reasoning, and innovation. For instance, railroad lines that connected England's real urban areas as the Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened the first railway line. In spite of the fact that it might have been a time of accomplishment and progress; it likewise was a time of poverty and anxiety. Many innovations and development took in this era and also it was the period of reform as it improves the position of middle class. They became more powerful and more challenging. Also, it was the time when the country was going through a tough phase that includes poverty, unemployment and the situation of women and children was terrible.

Children were employed in factories which were harmful for them and can cost their lives. Like in coal mines, and in tunnels. England created on account of facilitated commerce and the businesses that became progressively focused in fares in ideals of the development of the materials; coal mining, iron and cotton industry. Likewise the strategies for road building that encouraged transforming the commodities, limited the separation among urban areas and expanded the development of populace from country side into the town. Due to this development in the country and industrial revolution, England became the most powerful nation. It was the first urban and industrialized society and hold a good status in the economy. The only group which needed to be upgraded was the women and that have also risen up due to this revolution. They were given access to the outer world and also opened up to the professions which were not accessible before. They were employed in writers, journalists, nurses and teachers. And some women got opportunities in factories.(U.S. History )Women were given their rights and allowed women to vote. Women relocate their place in the society in the political, financial and social perspectives that controlled life. One positive social result of the Industrial Revolution was the advancement of talented work, which prompted the ascent of a white collar class. The working class comprised of recently taught specialists in modern innovations, alongside other college- educated experts like doctors, engineers, and lawyers. It likewise included individuals who filled in as teachers, clerks and other white collars who were not paid as much yet at the same time observed a qualification among themselves and the lower classes.

English society in the 19<sup>th</sup> century were divided into three kinds of classes i.e. upper class, the middle class and the lower class and the only difference between was on the basis of wealth, education, and way of living. All the classes were forced to live in separate areas because Victorians believed that each class has its own standards and people were expected to follow. Middle class is the lower rank of social classes, the biggest number were farming

works, domestic servants and production line hands. During that time, numerous kids never go to the school and half of them grew up incapable to peruse and compose and finished up in a workhouse, which housed and sustained individuals who had no capacity to help themselves. As towns developed quickly, living conditions become terrible. The new modern towns were populated, dirty and unhealthy and housing conditions for common labourers were horrible. (British Literature Wiki)

The nineteenth century was a time set apart by a time of economic expansion, fast change in industrial technique and production; a time of noteworthy success for the British economy, in light of the fact that the nation was the instigator of the industrial revolution and subsequently become the workshop of the world. Industry was replacing the agricultural by new inventions and machines.

Women and men were not treated equally in the nineteenth century. Females were viewed as 'the weakersex'. This especially influenced white collar class women since they had no motivation to leave the home or get down to business. The working classes played the job of women genuinely on the grounds that they didn't need to stress over things like poverty. The perfect lady was to be 'the angel in the house' and support her better half. Women confronted numerous troubles, on account of the vision of the ideal women shared by society. Women then were expected to be only the housekeepers. The role of women was only confined to take care of the family and it should be their first priority and also should prove a good wife and a mother. (Khan)

There were many prominent writers of this era that truly represented the style, culture, writing, status of 19<sup>th</sup> century. One of them is Charlotte Bronte. She is best known for "Jane Eyre". This novel was her masterpiece and got immensely famous. Writers of 19<sup>th</sup> century were very efficient and showed the real image of the century. Most of them were very similar to their personal lives. Bronte was the third of six sisters conceived in six years to the Rev.

Patrick Bronte and his better half, Maria Barnwell Bronte. She was conceived at the parsonage in Thornton, Yorkshire, where her dad was serving. Every one of the six youngsters were conceived before the family moved in April 1820. Maria passed on the year after the most youthful, Anne, was born, conceivably of uterine cancer. Maria's more established sister, Elizabeth Branwell, moved from Cornwall to help care for the youngsters and for the parsonage. She had her very own salary. In September of 1824, the four more seasoned sisters, including Charlotte, were sent to the Clergy Daughters' School at Cowan Bridge, a school for the little girls of impoverished clergy. The brutal states of the school were later reflected in Charlotte Bronte's epic, *Jane Eyre*. In July of 1835, Bronte had a chance to turn into a teacher at Roe Head School. They offered her an educational cost free confirmation for one sister as instalment for her administrations. She took Emily along, yet Emily before long turned out to be sick. Emily came back to Haworth and the most youthful sister, Anne, had her spot. In 1845, Bronte discovered Emily's verse poetry pads, and the three sisters found every others' poems. They chose their poems from their collection and got published under male pen names. Their initials were: Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell. Male writers were given more preference and found it easier for publication. The lyrics were distributed as *Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell* in May of 1846 with the assistance of the legacy from their aunt. The book just at first sold two duplicates, however got positive audits, which energized them. Charlotte Bronte is viewed as. The brutal states of the school were later reflected in Charlotte Bronte's epic, *Jane Eyre*.(ThoughtCo. ) She got materials from her very own life to write renowned books in the history. Some of her major works are:

*Jane Eyre* (1847) is an autobiography of Charlotte Bronte. It examines many sides of the circumstances of women show a new move towards freedom and equality. *The Professor* (1857). It was her first attempt in writing novels. It is about her own experiences when she

was studying in Brussels. In this she provided readers to match with the real plot and characters.

### Conclusion

To put in a nutshell, this research paper showed the characteristics of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and how the writers were influenced. It also talked about the general conditions of life. It also short overview about Charlotte Bronte's life and major works. She was much influenced with ideas and society of her age that played a major role in her life.

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