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How the Major Issues and Historical Events are portrayed in the Mary Shelley's Novel
Frankenstein

Introduction

Frankenstein is a novel that was written Mary Shelley and its story revolves around the life of a particular character by the name Victor Frankenstein who becomes a scientist at a tender age. He manages to develop a strange creature via his scientific experiments after he loses his mother in order to avoid grief. The historical events in the novel are revealed by the characters and the themes that are explored in the novel by the author. For instance, the use of the monsters characters which represent gothic is a clear indication of the historical events in that occurred in the past period. The purpose of this paper is to explore how the historical events that occurred in the past period are reflected in Shelly's novel, Frankenstein.

The first way the historical events in the novel are depicted in the novel is by the use of gothic. The gothic is a language that was used in ancient times. It has been used for various purposes such as exploring what it means to be human or the difference human and other creatures. For instance, the gothic is basically to define the boundary between human, natural, divine, monstrous and the super natural. This is depicted in the novel by the author by the use of

a creature that was developed by Frankenstein via his scientific experiments. In addition, the use of the monster that was created by Frankenstein also reflects the historical period as it is believed that these creatures used to exist in the past (Bloom 118). Furthermore, the creature that Frankenstein created had huge size and this also illustrates the human being that used to exist in the past. These people were larger than men and this creature was approximately 8 feet and it was therefore proportionally large.

The novel, Frankenstein was written in the Romantic period and it reflects the historical period. The time when it was written starts from the time around 1785 to around 1830 a time that was characterized by the social as well as political upheaval. It was the period which England converted from being the agricultural society to become the industrial nation. This is reflected in the novel by the development in science (Bloom 118). The development of science knowledge is shown by the Frankenstein ability to develop the strange creature through the scientific knowledge. In other words, the historical period in the novel is also depicted by the use of symbolism to represent the events that occurred in the past. In this case, Shelley has used this style to indicate this period that occurred in the past.

In conclusion, Shelley has managed to use different styles to depict the historical themes. Among them is the use of the gothic language that was used in the past. This language was basically used to mark the border between human and other creatures such as the monster. In addition, the historical themes have also been depicted in the novel through development of the creature that is larger than the modern man. Such creatures used preceded the modern man and this therefore shows that the author indirectly showed that she is exploring the historical events.

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