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Topic - "WUTHERING HEIGHTS by EMILY BRONTE"

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1)ABOUT THE AUTHOR:----

Emily Bronte is one of the most representative novelists of the 19th century English Novel. Along with her two sisters---Charlotte Bronte and Anne Bronte, she constitutes what is famously known as " BRONTE SISTERS".

✂BRONTE SISTERS had to assume Male pseudonyms in order to freely communicate their intense feminist emotions and feelings in a Male- dominated society. Charlotte Bronte wrote under the pseudonym " CURRER BELL ", Emile Bronte under "ELLIS BELL " and Anne Bronte under "ACTON BELL ".

2) GENRE OF THE NOVEL:----

GOTHIC NOVEL: It's a genre of fiction which combines elements of horror, death and at times, romance. The English author HORACE WALPOLE, with the publication of 'THE CASTLE OF OTRANTO' subtitled "A GOTHIC STORY" marks the beginning of the genre. Other writers of the genre are MARY SHELLEY, ANN RADCLIFFE.

3) GOTHIC ELEMENTS IN WUTHERING HEIGHTS:

a) SETTING: dark/ exotic

b) FOCUS : mysterious/ supernatural

c) EFFECTS : Horrible, awe-inspiring and romantic.

d) PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

e) TECHNIQUES: Cinematic/ Flashback

4) CHARACTERS OF THE NOVEL:

a) HEATHCLIFF: Hero.

b) CATHERINE EARNSHAW: Heroine

c) EDGAR LINTON: Catherine's husband and Heathcliff's rival.

d) CATHY LINTON: Daughter of Cathy and Edgar.

e) LINTON HEATHCLIFF: Son of HEATHCLIFF and Isabella.

f) HARETON EARNSHAW: Son of
Hindley / CATHERINE'S nephew.

g) ELLEN/ NELLY DEAN: Principal
Narrator and CATHERINE'S servant.

h) LOCKWOOD: Heathcliff's tenant and Secondary Narrator.

i) MR EARNSHAW: Father of Catherine and Hindley. He fetched an orphan from Liverpool and named him HEATHCLIFF.

j) MRS EARNSHAW: Mother of Catherine and Hindley.

k) HINDLEY EARNSHAW: Catherine's brother.

l) FRANCES EARNSHAW: Hindley's wife.

m) JOSEPH: Servant at WUTHERING Heights.

n) Mr and Mrs Lintons: Edgar's parents.

o) ISABELLA: Edgar's sister and Heathcliff's wife.

p) ZILLA: Heathcliff's housekeeper.

5) TITLE OF THE NOVEL:

Title of the novel is suggestive of its location and atmosphere of abnormalities. In the very beginning of the novel, we are informed about it. WUTHERING HEIGHTS is the name of Heathcliff's dwelling. "WUTHERING HEIGHTS" is the provincial adjective of the atmospheric tumult to which its station is exposed in stormy weather.

6) THEME OF THE NOVEL: LOVE AND REVENGE

The central theme of the novel is the
Immortal love of Heathcliff and Catherine. When Catherine is married away
to Edgar Linton, Heathcliff dramatically turns into a vindictive/ a
Diabolic character. Before she dies, Cathy expresses her superior love for
HEATHCLIFF as compared to her love of her husband by means of powerful
Nature-imagery;

My love for Linton is like foliage in
woods ...and that for Heathcliff resembles eternal rocks.

Towards the end of the novel, after the
death of HEATHCLIFF AND CATHERINE,
even the ghosts these true lovers
have been seen by the common people of the Heights embracing each other
thereby establishing their transcendental love.