

ANALYSIS OF MR. BOUNDERBY

The extract is from the novel "Hard Times" written by Charles Dickens in 1854.

The text is arranged into a long sequence where is presented the narrative technique of telling and showing. The narrator is in third person and the prevalent technique in the text is telling.

In the first line the narrator starts with a rhetorical question because the answer is obvious.

From the first line the intelligent reader can understand the first character of Mr Boundery, is "man perfectly devoid of sentiment" in addition the narrator uses the repetition of word "man perfectly devoid of sentiment" to underline the concept and in addition uses the irony because the situation is unreal.

In the text the narrator describes the character of Mr. Bounderby.

The novelist focuses readers' attention on the behavior and on the story of Mr. Bounderby presented as a caricature of human's nature during the Victorian Age.

Bounderby is describe with many positive adjectives to underline his social class, he is a capitalist who owns a factory and a bank in Coketown.

The narrator describes Mr. Bounderby as a big and power man with many words for example "strained skin", "being inflated like a balloon" but in the same time he uses irony.

The narrator uses the technique of grotesque to make laugh the reader.

In the successive lines the narrator passing from telling to showing in which Mr. Bounderby with a sort of flashback tells about his situation during his youth, completely opposite to the oundery with a sort of flashback tells about his situation during his youth, completely opposite to the actual one.

Mr. Bounderby is described as coming from a poor family, without education and self-made. The narrator underlines the terrible situation of child during the Victorian Age.

After the narrator presents a new figure, Mr. Gradgrind's wife Mrs. Gradgrind, she is different to Mr. Bounderby with different character and she is describe with negative adjective in according to the idea of women during the Victorian Age. In the Victorian Age the role of women is inferior respect to the role of man. In conclusion there is a situation between Mr Boundery and Mr. Gradgrind's where are in a place where

Mr Bounderby lives for one day. Mr Bounderby describes the situation with words to use words to touch and make the reader feel sorry.