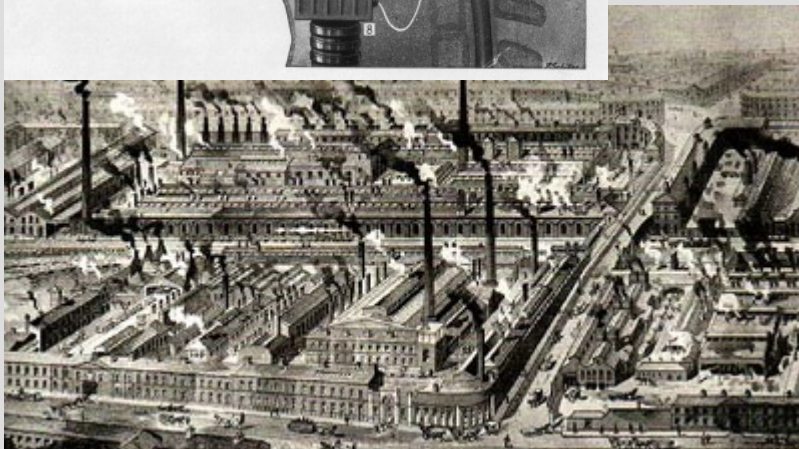
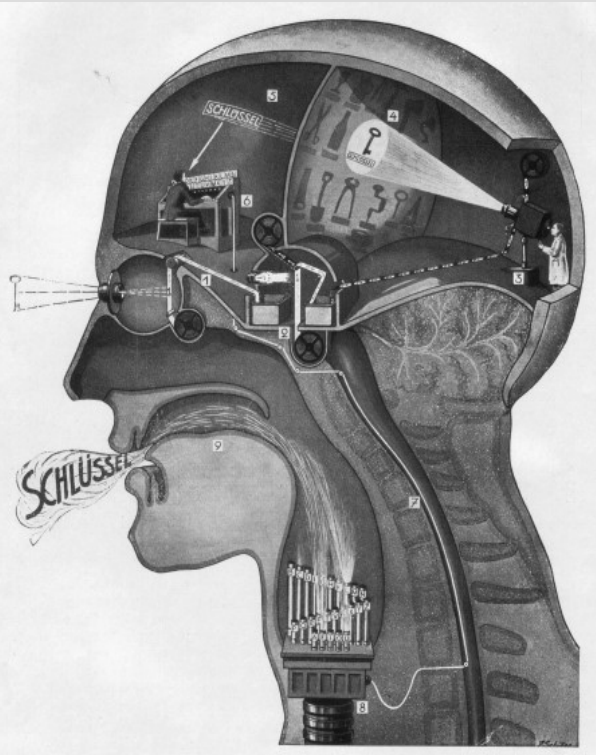


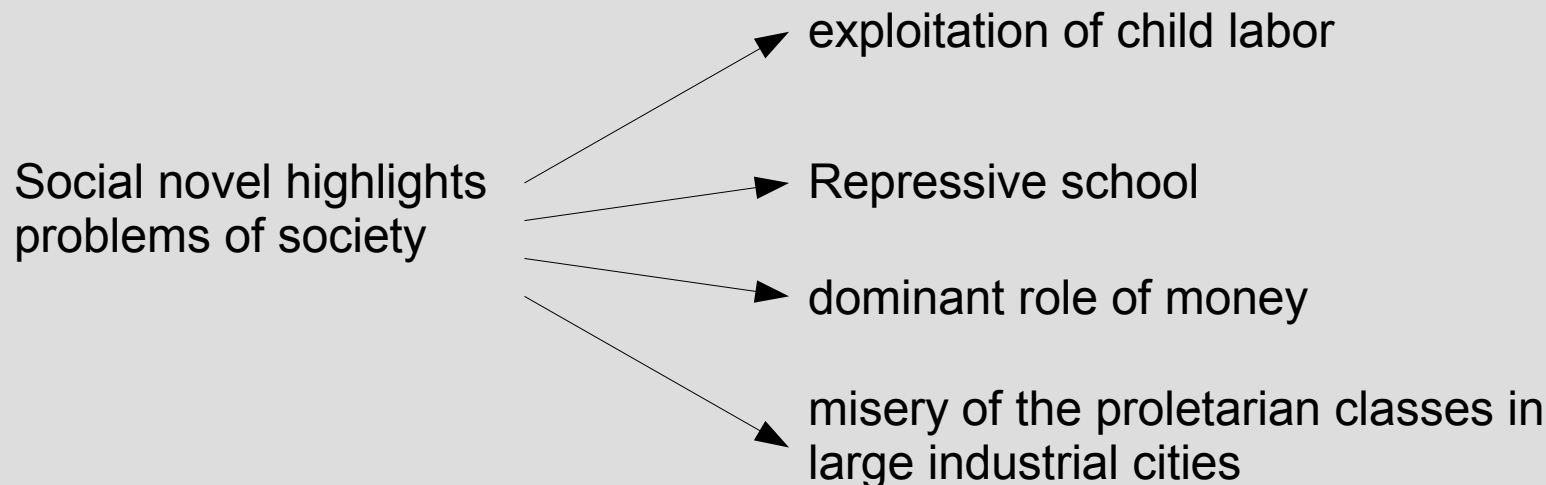
Themes of Charles Dickens' novels and their actualization



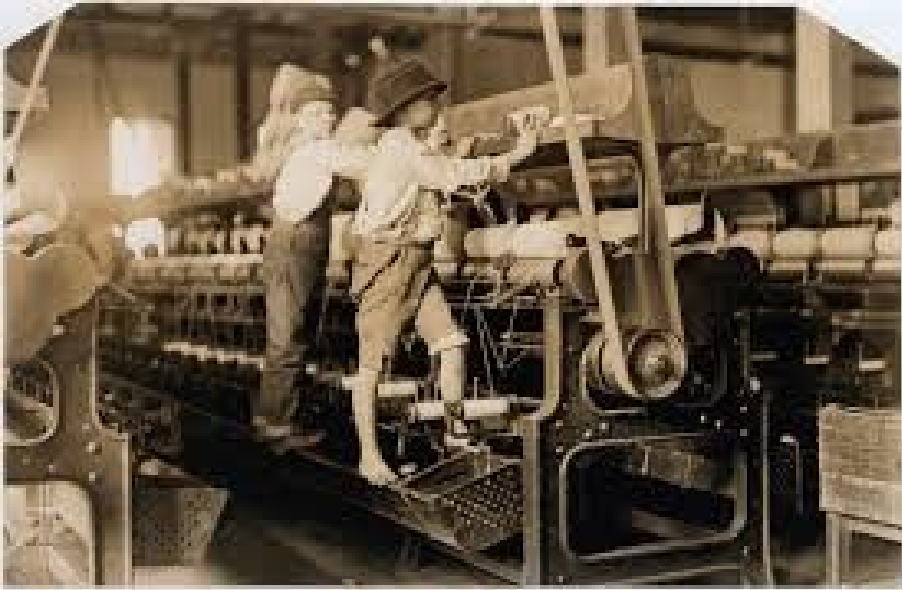
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Themes of Charles Dickens' novel:

- The difficult childhood of Dickens is a model from which he draws inspiration for his literary works
- In his novel he wants reflect social changes and the consequences of Industrail Revolution. Dickens reports the industrial society of the Victorian age through a narrative use of the grotesque.



Exploitation of child labor



- Child labour refers to the employment of children in any work that deprives children of their right.
- Exploitation deprives them to attend regular school and dangerates their mentality, body and social and moral ability.
- The Factory Acts: were a series of Acts to regulate the conditions of industrial employment.

Example of exploitation in Africa:



- 2008: Bloomberg claimed child labour in copper and cobalt mines that supplied Chinese companies in Congo.
- 2012: BBC accused Glencore of using child labour in its mining and smelting operations of Africa.
- Where they worked? Small-scale artisanal mining of gold is another source of dangerous child labour in poor rural areas in certain parts of the world

Child exploitation behind the big brands

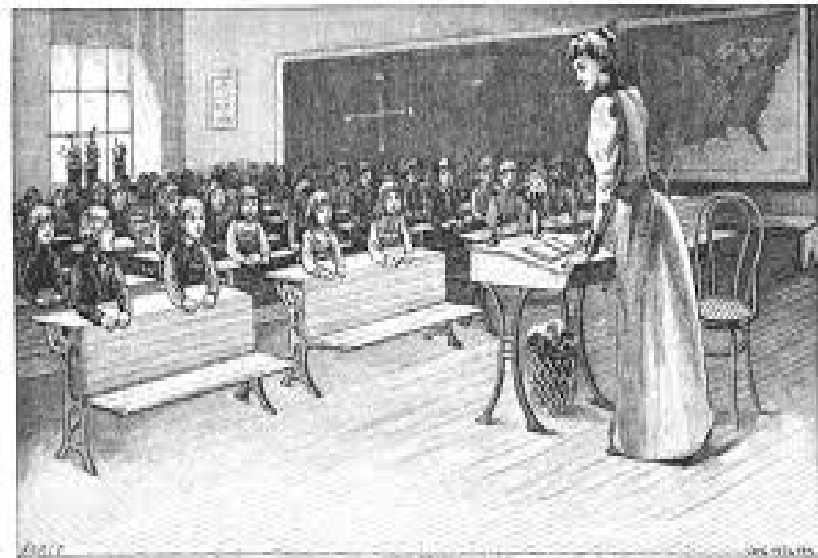


ZARA



- A 2007 report claimed some GAP products had been produced by child labourers. GAP acknowledged the problem and announced it is pulling the products from its shelf.
- 2009: Anti-Slavery International and the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) accused H&M and Zara of using cotton suppliers in Bangladesh.
- Nike has been accused of using child labor in the production of its soccer balls in Pakistan.

Repressive school



- The typical lesson of the Victorian Age: a lot of teaching was repetition, learning the names and dates of kings and queens, or reciting tables.
- The education of the Victorian Age is based on the Utilitarianism
- Dickens wanted to create images of the system in which he wished he could change for criticize the Victorian education system



Education eastern and western

- The Western parents try to respect the individuality of their children , encouraging them to pursue their passions. For eastern parents the best way to educate their children is to arm them skills , get them used to the hard work.
- Example: Amy Chua , a professor of law at Yale but especially mom , wrote a book in defense of the Chinese educational methods , in contrast with the West .

Their children spend their days practicing in math , spelling , playing piano and violin . He prohibited them to use Facebook and video games . But even the tv or the ability to sleep outside . Moreover she force his daughter to play the piano well into the night , without pausing to eat, drink or go to the bathroom .

Industrialization

- An industrialized city was recognizable from a distance by the pall of smoke and smog that hung over without interruption . Another feature of this city are roads , houses , factories , everything is reproduced in specimens identical to one another .
- In Charles Dickens' novel this city is represented by Coketown (“città del carbone”), a metaphor invented by Dickens to describe the negative aspects of industrialization
- Everything is reproduced in specimens identical to each other, also the human beings are considered equal.

Industrialization in our cities:

- While industries have always brought wealth to the country and a state of well-being to the population , a greater chance of working , it is also true that this phenomenon throughout history has brought many problems .
- Nowadays the condition of our world is trasforming:
 - industries that lead pollution in the air water and soil
 - atmospheric warming that is leading to the melting of permafrost
 - climate change
 - condition concerning the same factory workers .

Pollution:



- Air pollution is the introduction of particulates, biological molecules, or other harmful materials into the Earth's atmosphere.
- Still pollution is mainly represented by the dark smoke of factories as in charles dickens' novel.
- Example: in italy, in some cities such as Milan is reduced traffic of motor vehicles to reduce pollution

Men like machines

- In Dickens novels there are rethorical figures (anaphor and repetition) that highlight the mecahincal process of machines and suggest the mechanical system of education.
- Charles Dickens wants to make a photograph of the consequences of Industrial Revolution, in particoular the mechanization of human nature.
- The factory owners didn't respect the rights of human beings.
- People worked all day with inadequate food rations, often risking life

Workers nowadays



- Still labor flexibility leads to the mechanization of human beings
- Disrespect of the festivities , the shifts at night lead to not respect the right of men and many times to family breakdown
- Shifts of workers were obligate the inability to turn off the machines at night , leading men to adapt to each job