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# Thomas Hardy's Literary Impact



In the Victorian era, literature underwent significant transformations, reflecting the complex social and technological changes of the time. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ was a prominent figure in this landscape, known for his novels and poetry that depicted the rural life and the social \_\_\_\_\_ of his era. Hardy's works often highlighted the struggles of individuals against the rigid class \_\_\_\_\_, making him a critical voice in Victorian literature. His novel "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" showcases the tragic life of \_\_\_\_\_, a young woman who becomes a victim of society's injustices. In "The Mayor of Casterbridge," Hardy explores the life of Michael \_\_\_\_\_, a man whose secrets and mistakes lead to his downfall. These characters and their \_\_\_\_\_ reveal Hardy's fascination with fate and the inexorable forces that shape human \_\_\_\_\_. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Hardy's perspective on the human condition was \_\_\_\_\_, influenced by his observation of the harsh realities of rural life. His settings, often in the fictional county of \_\_\_\_\_, are richly detailed, offering a vivid portrayal of the English countryside and its inhabitants. Through his writing, Hardy critiqued the \_\_\_\_\_ moral and social norms, especially concerning marriage, religion, and the class system. Despite the bleak outlook of his \_\_\_\_\_, Hardy's ability to capture the beauty of the natural world and the resilience of the human spirit won him a lasting place in English \_\_\_\_\_. His contribution to Victorian literature is not only in the stories he told but in how he told them, with a deep \_\_\_\_\_ for his characters and a critical eye on the society of his time.

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