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ABSTRACT

This dissertation explains how women were treated unjustly before and they are still treated in the same manner in some areas of the world. The writers like Charlotte Bronte and Mary Wollstonecraft have explained the restricted and tough lives of the women through their miserable female characters. These writers throw light on the brutalities and injustice endured by the women who do not deserve it at all. The very concept of considering women weak and lower in status is in limelight. This description might be helpful in order to change the thinking of people when considering the positions of women in the society. The prevailing tradition of treating women in such an unpleasant manner forced me to write about it and to make everybody aware of the bitter reality that women are considered as “inferiors” who are just born for slavery. However, the courage and valor of women through all these circumstances makes me happy.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION:

The suppression of women is an issue that is affecting the world in a great way. Women are oppressed because they are thought to be inferior to men. They are considered weak and are facing injustice because of their gender. People in our patriarchal society consider women as objects and not humans, on whom they can apply their rules and fulfill all their desires. I think that this is highly inhumane. Women have to face violence. The need for men to consider that they are superior does not apply to the fact that women shall be treated like animals. Why is it so that women are considered less than men? Merely because they are not physically more stronger? The belief that you can be successful only if you are a man and to convince that you can achieve all that you aim for quite easily due to this, is really a false impression. Our society has this biggest ever misconception that because a woman is physically weaker so she should live under the control of the male gender. Women are given the right to live their lives the way they want but certain limitations apply. Staying inside that circle of limitations they can live freely but our society has the mentality that a woman can never be independent. I am working on this topic because it really disgusts me to think that female gender is born to work under slavery and bear the oppression of this brutal world. This thinking has forced me to talk about the suppression of women. I found it really useful to discuss this issue because females are just as important as the male members of the society. I consider women equal to men and I think that they can do each and everything which the men have the power to do. And believing in this, I have selected two of female characters- “Bertha Mason” from Jane Eyre and “Maria” from the wrongs of the woman. The comparative analysis of both these characters will help me show you how unjustly they were oppressed and leading the lives they did not deserve at all.