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Title of the Paper: Fiction-II


Topic: Study of Thomas Hardy's *The Return of the Native*

The Department of English organized a Seminar on the Fiction of Thomas Hardy's *The Return of the Native* on 20.11.2020

Miss M.Najma Begam II of M.A presented a paper on The Return of the Native as a story revolves around Clym Yeobright's return and taking up the profession of a school teacher, his mother, Mrs. Yeobright, and his cousin, Miss Thomasin Yeobright along with other characters, Diggory Venn, Eustacia Vye, and Wildeve involved in this love drama played out on Egdon Heath. Clym is a man of simple nature and desires. He leaves his luxurious life to be a teacher and help the younger generation. At first, he is a mysterious character having just returned from Paris with ideas of spreading education at Egdon Heath. Sadly, Clym falls prey to the seductive advances of Eustacia to whom he marries despite his mother's opposition. This marriage ruins his prospects with marrying Thomasin, his cousin, and also almost blinds him. The death of his mother due to the willful neglect of Eustacia during the visit leads him to further health issues and mental breakdown. He adopts reclusive life which takes him to furze-cutting when he does not see any feasibility of working in the education sector. His weak eyesight continues to hinder him but in the end, he resolves and becomes a priest. It is a tragic vision of Hardy which reflects the idealistic intelligence of Clym and the dark violence of Eustacia Vye.


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