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## Augustan age literature pdf

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Declarations consisting solely of original research should be deleted. (March 2012) (Learn how and when to remove this template message) The most edging poet, William Hogarth's portrait of a Grub Street poet who is starving to death and trying to write a new poem to raise money. The hack (hired) by the writer was a response to the newly increased demand for reading matter during the Augustan period. Augustan literature (sometimes deceptively referred to as Georgian literature) is a style of British literature created during the reign of Queen Anne, King George II. It was a literary epoch that represented the rapid development of a novel, an explosion in satire, a mutation of drama from political satire to melodrama, and a evolution toward the poetry of personal exploration. In philosophy, it was an age increasingly dominated by empirism, while in the writings of political economics he referred to the development of mercantile as formal philosophy, the development of capitalism, and the triumph of commerce. The chronological boundary points of the times are generally vague, in large part because the origin of the brand in the current criticism of the 18th century is not the same as that of the 19th century. Samuel Johnson, whose famous English Dictionary was published in 1755, is also to some extent associated with the Augustan period. [1] The new Augustan period exhibited exceptionally bold political writings in all genres, with satires of the time marked by an arc, an ironic pose, full of nuance and a superficial air of dignified calm that concealed the sharp criticism beneath. While this period is widely known for adopting highly regulated and stylized literary forms, some of the concerns of writers of that period, with emotions, folk and a confident model of authorship, foreshadoined the interests of Romantic era. In general, philosophy, politics, and literature have shifted away from older court concerns toward something closer to modern feeling. The historical context of Alexander Pope, who imitated Horace, wrote august's epistle, which was actually addressed to George II. [2] Later Voltaire and Oliver Goldsmith (in his history of literature in 1764) used the term Augustan to refer to literature of the 1920s and 1930s.[3] Apart from poetry, the Augustan era is commonly known by other names. Partly because of the rise of empirism, and partly because of the self-conscious naming of the age from the point of view of ancient Rome, two rather inaccurate labels were attached to the age. One is that it is an age of neoclassicism; the second is that there is an age of reason. While neoclassical criticism from France was imported into English letters, the English abandoned their strictures in all but the name of the 1720s. Critics disagree about the applicability of the concept of the Enlightenment to the literary history of this period. Donald Greene argued emphatically that age should be better known as the Age of Exuberance, and T. H. White argued for the Age of Scandal. More recently, Roy Porter has introduced the concept of a distinctly English Enlightenment to characterize the intellectual climate of the period. [4] The auctioneer sells books from the estate of a convicted physician, about 1,700, in Moorfields. Books contain pornography, medicine and classics. Print satirises new men who want to collect libraries without collecting learning. One of the most critical elements of the 18th century is that it is not the first time that we have been in a state of crisis. Books dropped dramatically in price and used books were sold at bartholomew fair and other fairs. In addition, the brisk trade in chapbooks and broadsheets carries London trends and information to the furthest corners of the kingdom. This was further with the establishment of periodicals, including Gentleman's Magazine and London Magazine. People in York are aware of what is happening in parliament and the court, but people in London were also more aware of the events in York than before. In addition, before copyright, pirated editions were commonplace, especially in areas without frequent contact with London. The pirated editions have thus encouraged booksellers to increase their shipments to remote centres such as Dublin, further raising awareness across the region. This was compounded by the end of the Press Restriction Act of 1693, which allowed the creation of provincial printing presses and the creation of a printing structure that was no longer under government control (Clair 158-176). All kinds of literature were quickly disseminated in all The newspapers started and even became more and more. Moreover, newspapers were immediately compromised, as political factions created their own newspapers, planted stories, and bribed journalists. Leading clerics had their sermon collections printed, which were bestselling books. Since dissenting, establishment and independent divine were in the press, the constant movement of these works helped alleviate any region's religious homogeneity and promoted emerging latitudinarianism. Periodicals were hugely popular, and the art of writing essays was almost its peak. In addition, the events of the Royal Society were regularly published, and they were digestible and explained or celebrated in more popular presses. The latest scholarship books had keys, indexes and digests of them that could popularize, summarize and explain them to a wide audience. The cross-index, which is now commonplace, was a novelty in the 18th century. Books of etiquette, correspondence and moral teaching and hygiene have multiplied. Economics began as a serious discipline, but it did so in the form of numerous projects to address the ills of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Sermon collections, dissertations on religious controversies, and prophecies, new and old and explained, emerged in infinite diversity. In short, readers in the 18th and 18th century were not the only people who were in the 18th century. Truth and lies sat side by side on shelves, and everyone could be a published author, just as anyone could quickly pretend to be a scholar using indexes and digests (Clair 45, 158–187). The positive side of the explosion in the information was that on April 18, 2014, the us-based company, The New York Eri Education was less limited to the upper classes than in previous centuries, so contributions to science, philosophy, economics, and literature came from all parts of the kingdom. It was the first time that literacy and library were all that stood between a person and an education. It was an age of enlightenment in the sense that insistence and seeking a reasonable explanation of nature and humanity was fury. It was the age of reason in that it was an age that adopted clear, rational methods as better than tradition. However, there was a dark side to such literacy as well that the authors of the 18th century felt at every turn, which was that nonsense and madness were also becoming more adherents than ever before. Charlatans and mountebanks were foolish more, just as sages were educating more, and seductive and hideous apocalypses vied with sober philosophy on the shelves. As with the global web in the 21st century, it is important to ensure that the world's most important site is not a global site. Therefore, it was becoming increasingly difficult to trust books in the 19th century, because books were still easy to buy. The political and religious context, when Queen Anne Renewal ended in a crisis of exclusion and a glorious revolution, where parliament created a new rule for succession to the British throne that would always favor Protestantism over consanguinities. This brought William III to the world. James fled to France, from where his son, James Francis Edward Stuart, began an attempt to re-ascend the throne in 1715. Another attempt was launched by his son Charles Edward Stuart in 1745. Attempted invasions are often referred to as 15 and 45. When William died, Anna Stuart came to the throne. Anna's reign saw two wars and great triumphs by John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough. Marlborough's wife, Sarah Churchill, was Anna's best friend, and many assumed that she secretly controlled the Queen in every way. Believing that true power lies in the hands of leading ministers, both factions of politics have strengthened their opposition to each other, and Whig and Tory have been at each other's throats. This weakness on the throne would quickly lead to the expansion of the party chairman's powers in parliament and to the establishment in all but the name of the Prime Minister's office in the form of Robert Walpole. When Anna died without surviving, George I, the curator of Hanover, came to the throne. George I spoke poor English, and his isolation from the English people was helping to keep his power relatively irrelevant. His son, George II, on the other hand, spoke English and some more French, and his reign was the first full Hanoverian government in England. Until then, Parliament's powers had quietly expanded, and its power may have been equal to that of Parliament. London's population exploded. During restoration, it grew from around 350,000 to 600,000 in 1700 (Millwall History). By 1800 it had reached 950,000. Not all residents prospered because paddock laws destroyed lower-class agriculture in rural areas, and rural areas experienced painful poverty. Communities of poor countries were forced to migrate or suffer (see Thompson, Whigs), so young people from the country often moved to London with the hope of achieving success that increased the ranks of poor and cheap urban labor for urban employers. It also meant an increase in the number of criminals, prostitutes and beggars. Concerns about property crime, rape and starvation found in Augustan literature should be kept in the context of London's growth and rural depopulation. William Hogarth's Gin Lane is not entirely a caricature, as in the 1750s, more than a quarter of all houses in St Giles were gin shops, all unlicensed. Partly due to population pressures, property crime has become a business for both criminals and those who have made a living Criminals. Major criminals like Jonathan Wild invented new plans for theft, and newspapers were eager to report crime. Biographies of courageous criminals have become popular, spawning fictional biographies of fictional criminals. Cautionary tales of rural women being abused by sophisticated rakes (such as Anne Bond) and libertines in the city were popular fare, and they prompted fictional accounts of exemplary women being abused (or narrowly escaping abuse). The increased population also meant that political opportunists were never particularly difficult to find urban discontent, and London suffered a series of riots, mostly against alleged Roman Catholic provocateurs. When highly efficient, cheap distilled spirits were introduced, the situation worsened and authors and artists protested against gin innovation (see e.g. Since 1710, the government has promoted distillation as a source of income and commercial goods, and there were no licenses needed to produce or sell gin. There have been documented cases of women drowning their children selling baby clothes for gin, and the device has created both fodder for riots and conditions against which riots would occur (Loughrey and Treadwell, 14). Dissidents (Protestants who did not line up with the Church of England) recruited and preached to poor cities, and various offshoots of puritanical and independent (Baptist) movements substantially increased their numbers. One of the ministers' themes was the danger of the Roman Catholic Church, which was often regarded as a Babylonian whore. While Anne tended to favor the High Church faction, especially towards the end of her reign, The Court of George I was more closely associated with low church and latitudinary elements and was warmer for nonconformists. The convening was essentially dissolved by George I, who fought with the House of Lords, and George II. In addition, both Georges were interested in James Francis Edward Stuart and Charles Edward Stuart, who had considerable support in Scotland and Ireland, and many were suspected of being close to the Jacobites. Walpole inflated the concerns of Stuart sympathizers from any group that didn't support him. History and Literature Literature 18. Since a professional author was still not to be distinguished from a hack-writer, those who wrote poetry, novels and plays were often either politically active or politically funded. At the same time, the aesthetics of artistic detachmentness from the everyday world were not yet developed, and the aristocratic ideal of an author so noble that he was above political interests was largely archaic and irrelevant. This period may be the Age of Scandal, as the authors specifically dealt with the crimes and vices of their world. In bronchi, drama and poetry, was the genre that attracted the most energetic and voluminous writing. The satires that were produced during the Augustan period were at times subtle and nonspecific, commentary on the comically flawed human condition, but were at least as often specific critiques of specific policies, actions, and individuals. Even the works of diligently neo-heating were in fact transparent political statements in the 18th century. As a result, readers of 18th-century literature must be asked to do so. The authors wrote for an informed audience and only secondarily for posterity. Even authors who criticized writing that lived only one day (like Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope, in Dedication to the Prince the offspring of the story of the bath and Dunciad, among other pieces) criticized specific authors who are unknown to those who do not have historical knowledge of the period. Poetry of all forms was in constant dialogue and each author responded and commented on others. The novels were written against other novels (such as the battles between Samuel Richardson and Henry Fielding, who, along with Eliza Haywood, wrote a novel insinking Richardson's Pamela, and between Laurence Stern and Tobias Smollett). Games were written to make fun of games or to face the success of games (in response to Cato and for Cato and later Fielding's Author's Farce). Therefore, history and literature are connected in a way that is rarely seen at other times. On the one hand, metropolitan and political writing may seem like clique or parlor work, but on the other hand it

was the literature of people deeply committed to solving a new type of government, new technologies, and the newly pesky challenges of philosophical and religious certainty. Présa Main article: Augustan préda Engraved ticket to the circulating Library of Francis Woods in London from some time after the middle of the century. Essay, satire and dialogue (in philosophy and religion) flourished in age and the English novel was actually launched as a serious art form. Literacy in the early 18th century passed into the working class, as well as the middle and upper classes (Thompson, class). In addition, literacy was not limited to men, although it is very difficult to determine women's literacy rates. For those who were literate, circulating libraries in England began during the Augustan period. Libraries were open to all, but were mainly associated with female patronage and reading novels. Essays and journalism English essays were aware of continental models, but they developed their form independently of this tradition, and periodic literature grew between 1692 and 1712. Periodicals were cheap to produce, fast reading and a viable way of influencing public opinion, and therefore there were many leafy periodicals headed by one author and staffed tenants (so-called . Street authors). One periodic outsold and dominated by everyone else, however, and it was the Spectator, written by Joseph Addison and Richard Steele (with occasional posts from his friends). The Spectator has developed a number of pseudonymous characters, including Mr. Spectator, Roger de Coverley and Isaac Bickerstaff, and both Addison and Steele have created fiction to surround their storytellers. An unbiased view of the world (the pose of the viewer, rather than the participant) was essential to the development of the English essay, as it established a place in which Addison and Steele could comment and meditate on behavior and events. Samuel Johnson's command words and his practical wisdom gained following when he published more than 200 essays offering insight into the folly of human nature and moral perseverance. Rather than being philosophers like Montesquieu, an English essayist could be an honest observer and his reader peer. After the success of The Spectator, there were more political comment periodicals. But political factions and coalitions of politicians quickly realized the power of this type of press and began funding newspapers to spread rumors. Tory Minister Robert Harley (1710-1714) reportedly spent more than £50,000 sterling on creating and bribing the press (Butt); this number is known because their successors promoted it, but they (walpole government) were suspicious of spending even more. Politicians wrote articles, wrote newspapers and supported newspapers, and it was well known that some periodicals, such as Mist's Journal, were party spokesmen. Dictionaries and lexicons 18. The English language, however, was deteriorating into tangled confusion. A group of London booksellers commissioned a well-known essayist, Samuel Johnson, to compile a set of rules governing the English language. After nine years and the help of six assistants, the first edition of the English Language Dictionary was published in 1755. Johnson's great knowledge of letters, words, and literature brought uniqueness to his vocabulary. Each word defined in detail, with a description of their different uses and numerous literary quotes as illustrations. It was the first dictionary of its kind, containing 40,000 words and nearly 114,000 quotes wrapped together with Johnson's personal touch. The warm reception greeted Johnson's dictionary, as it was the first dictionary to be read with pleasure. A definition full of wit and depth of thought supported by passages from beloved poets and philosophers that the reader might be content to spend an evening brooding over his site. Johnson's choice of structure and format certainly shaped future English dictionary and lexicons and the role they play in the development of language. Philosophy and religious writing Woodcut Daniel Defoe Augustan period proved less controversy than the Restoration. There have been puritanical authors, however, and one of the names usually associated with the novel is perhaps the most significant in puritanical writing: Daniel Defoe. After Anna's resur over, dissident hopes of reversing the Re-establishment of low tide and dissident literature shifted from offensive to defensive, from revolutionary to conservative. Defoe's infamous volley in the battle between the tall and low church came in the form of the Shortest Way with dissenters; Or proposals to establish a church. Labour is satirical and attacks all the concerns of establishment figures over the challenges of opponents. In other words, it's a defense. Later still, the most majestic work of the era, and one most quoted and read, was William Law's serious call to pious and holy life (1728). Meditation by Robert Boyle remained popular as well. Both Law and Boyle called for a revival, and they paved the way for the later development of Methodism and George Whitefield's preaching style. However, their work focused on individuals rather than communities. The era of revolutionary divine and militant evangelists in literature has come to an end for a considerable period of time. Unlike the Restoration, when John Locke took full control of philosophy in England, the 18th century was the first time that the 18th century had been the end of the world. Bishop Berkeley expanded Locke's emphasis on perception to argue that perception completely solves the Cartesian problem of subjective and objective knowledge by saying be, should be perceived.. Only, Berkeley argued, are the things that are perceived by consciousness are real. For Berkeley, the persistence of matter lies in the fact that God perceives those things that people are not, that living and constantly aware, attentive, and involved God is the only rational explanation for the existence of an objective thing. So Berkeley's skepticism essentially leads to faith. David Hume, on the other hand, took empirical skepticism to extremes and was the most radically empirical philosopher of the time. He attacked conjecture and unexplored spaces wherever he found them, and his skepticism pointed to metaphysics in areas that other empirists assumed were material. Hume doggedly refused to enter into questions of his personal faith in the divine, but challenged the logic and assumptions of theism and cosmogonia, concentrating on a demonstrable and empirical way that would later lead to utilitarianism and naturalism. In social and political philosophy, economics is at the heart of much of the debate. Bernard de Mandeville's Fable of the Bees (1714) became the centerpiece of a discussion on trade, morality and social ethics. Mandeville argued that splurge, lust, pride and all other private vices were good for society as a whole, as each led individuals to employ others, to spend freely and free capital to flow Economy. Mandeville's work is full of paradoxes and is intended, at least in part, to devalue what he saw as a naïve philosophy of human progress and natural virtue. But Mandeville's arguments, initially an attack on the corruption of the War on Spanish Heritage, were often cited by economists who wanted to rid morale of trade issues. After 1750, lay people remember Adam Smith as the father of capitalism, but his 1759 theory of moral feelings also attempted to set new ground for moral action. His emphasis on sentiment was consistent with the era when he emphasized the need for sympathy among individuals as a basis for fit actions. These ideas, and the psychology of David Hartley, were influential in the sentimental novel and even the nascent Methodist movement. If compassionate thinking catered morality, wouldn't it be possible to induce morality by providing sympathetic circumstances? Smith's greatest work was investigating the nature and causes of the wealth of nations in 1776. What it had to do with de Mandeville. Hume, and Locke was that it began with an analytical examination of the history of material exchange, without thinking about morality. Instead of inferring from ideal or novelty to real, she explored reality and sought to formulate inductive rules. The novel The basis of the novel was laid by journalism, drama and satire. Long pros satries like Swift's Gulliver's Travels (1726) had a central character who goes through adventure and may (or may not) learn. However, the most important satirical source for writing novels came from Cervantes' Don Quixote (1605, 1615). In general, these three was, drama, journalism and satire, can be seen as merging and creating three different types of novels. Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe (1719) was the first major novel of the new century and has been published in more editions than any other work except Gulliver's Journeys (Mullan 252). Defoe worked as a journalist during and after his composition, and therefore met the memory of Alexander Selkirk, who was imprisoned for several years in South America on the island. Defoe took aspects of real life and from it created a fictional life, satisfying essentially the journalistic market with his fiction (Hunter 331-338). In 1720 Defoe interrogated famous criminals and produced accounts of their lives. In particular, he investigated Jack Sheppard and Jonathan Wilde and wrote True News about his escapes (and fate) and his life. From his reporting on prostitutes and criminals, Defoe was able to meet the real Mary Mollineux, who may have been a role model for Moll in Moll Flanders (1722). In the same year, Defoe produced The Diary of the Plague Year (1722), which evoked the horrors and tribulations of 1665 for the journalistic market for memoirs and an attempt at a working-class story Colonel Jack (1722). His last novel returned to the subject of fallen women in Roxana (1724). Thematically, Defoe's work is consistently puritanical. They all include fall, demotion of the spirit, conversion and ecstatic promotion. This religious structure necessarily included bildungsroman, because each character had to learn about himself and appear wiser. After 1740: Sentimental novel Plate from the deluxe edition of Richardson's Pamela from 1742; or, Virtue rewarded shows Mr. B capturing Pamela's first letter home to her mother's sentimental novel, or novel of sentiment, developed after the 1740s, and among the most famous examples in English are Samuel Richardson's Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded (1740), Oliver Goldsmith's Vicar wakefield (1766), Laurence Sterne's Tristram Shandy (1759-67), Sentimental Journey (1768), Henry Brooke's Crazy Quality (1765-70), Henry Mackenzie's Man of Feeling (1771) and Maria Edgeworth's Castle Rackrent (1800). Continental examples include Jean-Jacques Rousseau's novel Juliet or a new heloise, his autobiography Confessions (1764–1770) and Goethe's Novel The Pain of Young Werther (1774). [5] Although there were novels in the meantime, Samuel Richardson's Pamela; or, Virtue Rewarded (1740) is another landmark development in an English novel. Richardson's generic models were quite different from defoe models. Instead of working from a journalistic biography, Richardson was referring to the improvement books that were popular at the time. As an obedient girl, Pamela Andrews writes to her mother all the time, and as a Christian, she is always wary of her virtue (i.e. virginity) because Mr. B desires her. The novel ends with her marriage to her employer and her rises to the position of a lady. Pamela, like its author, presents the dissident and Whig's view of the rise of the classes. The work drew an almost instant set of satires, of which Henry Fielding is Shameless, or an apology for The Life of Miss Shameless Andrews (1742) is the most memorable. Fielding continued to bait Richardson with Joseph Andrews (1742), the story of Shame's brother Joseph, who goes through his life trying to protect his own virginity, turning richardson's sexual predation around and satirizing the idea that he was sleeping on the way to rank. However, Joseph Andrews is not a parody of Richardson, for Fielding he suggested his belief in good character, which is the quality of his own virtue, which is independent of class and can always prevail. Joseph's friend Parson Adams, though not crazy, is a naif and has a good temper. His own basic good nature blinds him to the wickedness of the world, and incidents on the road (for most of the novel is a travel story) allow Fielding to feed the conditions for clergy, rural poverty (and sage) and the cruelty of entrepreneurs. Between 1747 and 1748, Samuel Richardson Form. Unlike Pamela, this is not a story of virtue rewarded. Instead, it's a very tragic and affecting description of a young girl whose parents try to force her into a non-remarrying marriage, pushing her into the arms of a scheming rake named Lovelace. Eventually, Clarissa dies of her own volition. The novel is a masterpiece of psychological realism and emotional effect, and as Richardson drew to a close in the serial publication, even Henry Fielding wrote to him begging him not to kill Clarissa. As with Pamela, Richardson emphasized individuals through social and personal over class. Although Fielding read and enjoyed Clarissa, he also wrote against his messages. His 1749 Tom Jones offers the other side of the argument from Clarissa. Tom Jones agrees essentially in the power of an individual to be more or less than his birth would suggest, but this again highlights the individual's place in society and the social consequences of individual decisions. Fielding answers Richardson featuring a similar plot device (whether a girl can choose her own friend), but shows how family and village can complicate and speed up matches and felicity. It is worth mentioning the portrait of Tobias Smollett Two other novelists, because, like Fielding and Richardson, they had a dialogue through their works. Laurence Sterne and Tobias Smollett's works offered oppositional views on the self in society and the way of the novel. The cleric Laurence Sterne consciously decided to emulate Jonathan Swift with his Tristram Shandy (1759–1767). Tristram tries to write his autobiography, but like Swift's narrator in The Bath Story, he worries that nothing in his life can be understood without understanding its context. For example, he tells the reader that the moment he was conceived, his mother said: Did you wind the clock? To clarify how he knows this, he explains that his father took care of winding up hours and other family businesses for one day a month. To explain why the clock had to be taken, he had to explain it to his father. In other words, the biography moves back rather than forward in time, only to then jump forward years, hit the next knot, and move back again. It's a novel of exceptional energy, multi-layered digresses, more satire and frequent parodies. Journalist, translator and historian Tobias Smollett, on the other hand, has written more seemingly traditional novels. He focused on a picaresque novel, where a low-born character went through a virtually endless series of adventures. Sterne thought that Smollett's novels had always paid undue attention to the most basic and common elements of life, emphasizing dirt. Although this is a superficial complaint, it points to an important difference between the two as authors. Sterne came to the novel from a satirical background, while Smollett approached it from journalism. In the 19th century, it was the First World should land much closer to Smollett's than either Fielding or Sterne or Richardson, and his sprawling, linear development actions would proved to be the most successful. In the midst of this development of the novel, other trends took place. Women wrote novels and moved away from the old romantic plots that dominated before the Restoration. There were utopian novels such as Sarah Scott's Millennium Hall (1762), autobiographical female novels such as those of Frances Burney, female adaptations of older, male motifs such as Charlotte Lennox The Female Quixote (1752) and many more. These novels generally do not follow a strict line of development or influence. Satire Illustrations from Jonathan Swift's story from the bath showing three stages of human life: the pulpit, The Augustan-era theatre and gallows is considered the pinnacle of British satirical writing, and its masterpieces were Swift's Gulliver Journeys and Modest Design. The Pope's Dunciades. Horat imitations and moral essays, The Vanity of Human Desires by Samuel Johnson and London, The Shame of Henry Fielding and Jonathan Wilde, and John Gay's Opera of the Beggar. During this period, several thousand other satirical works were written, which until recently were ignored by consensus. The central group of Scriblerians - the Pope, Swift, Gay and their colleague John Arbuthnot - are considered common satirical targets. Until recently, these writers formed a school of satire. After Swift and Pope's death, the emerging age of feelings was deterred by the often cruel and abusive trend of Augustans, and satire was more subtle and diffuse. [6] Many scholars at the time claim that a single name overshadowed all others in the 18th-century satire. [7] Swift wrote poetry and praise, and his satires ranged in all themes. Critically, Swift's satire marked the development of a prédy parody from simple satire or burlesque. A burlesque or lampoon in the bronchi would mimic a despised author and quickly move on to a reductio ad absurdum by the victim saying things rude or idiotic. On the other hand, other satires would argue against habit, practice, or politics by making fun of its reach or composition or methods. What Swift did was combine parody, with his imitation of the form and style of another, and satire in the bronchi. Swift's works would pretend to speak in the voice of an adversary, mimicking the opponent's style and having parody work with satire itself. Swift's first major satire was The Story of the Bath (1703-1705), which introduced a division of antiques/modernity that would serve as the difference between the old and the new concept of value. Moderns sought business, empirical science, individual reason over society, while the ancients believed in the inherent and immanent value of birth, and society over individual determination of goodness. In Swift's satire, modernity comes out mad and proud of his madness, and dismissive of the values of history. In Swift's most important satire, Gulliver's Journeys (1726) combine in ravel. Thematically, Gulliver's travels are a critique of human vanity, pride, Book one, the journey to Lilliput, begins with the world as it is. Book two shows that the idealized nation of Brobdingnag with the king of the philosopher is not home to the contemporary Englishman. Book Four depicts the land of the Houyhnhnms, a society of horses ruled by pure reason, where humanity itself is depicted as a group of yahoos covered in dirt and dominated by basic desires. It shows that indeed, the very desire for reason can be undesirable, and people must fight to make neither Yahoos nor Houyhnhnms, for book three shows what happens when reason is unleashed regardless of morality or usefulness (i.e. madness, destruction, and starvation). There were other satirists who worked in a less virulent way, who took an amused pose and just had light-serious fun. Tom Brown, Ned Ward and Tom D'Urfey were all satirists of diarrhea and poetry whose works appeared at the beginning of augustan age. Tom Brown's most famous work in this spirit was Serious and Comic Entertainment, calculated for Meridian in London (1700). Ned Ward's most memorable work was The London Spy (1704–1706). The London spy, before the Spectator, took the position of observer and incomprehensibly reported. Tom D'Urley's Wit and Mirth; or Pills to Purge Melancholy (1719) was another satire that attempted to offer entertainment, rather than a particular bit of political action, in the form of crude and catchy songs. Especially after Swift's success, parody satire had an appeal to authors during the 18th century. The rise of political writing and political satire was triggered by a number of factors, and Robert Walpole's success and domination in the House of Commons was a very effective proximal reason for polarised literature and thus the rise of parody satire. Parochial satire discusses cases and policy plans without necessarily contrasting with a normative or positive set of values. Therefore, it was an ideal way of attacking ironists and conservatives- those who would not be able to pronounce a set of values to change direction, but could condemn the current changes as ill-advised. Satire was present in all genres during the Augustan period. Perhaps above all, satire was part of the political and religious debate. Every major politician and political act had satires that attacked him. Few were parody satires, but parodic satires also appeared in political and religious debate. So ubiquitous and powerful was satire in the Augustan age that more than one literary history referred to it as the Age of Satire in Literature. [quote required] Poetry Main article: Augustan poetry In augustan era poets write in direct counterpoint and direct extension of one with every poet writing satire when in opposition. There was a great struggle for the nature and role of pastoral at the beginning of the century, reflecting two simultaneous movements: the invention of the subjective self as a worthy theme, with the emergence of a priority on individual psychology, against the insistence on all acts of art's performance and public gesture intended for the benefit of society as a whole. The development seemingly agreed by both sides was a gradual adaptation of all forms of poetry from their earlier use. Odes would cease to be encomium, ballads cease to be narration, elegy ceases to be sincere memorials, satires are no longer specific entertainment, parodies are no longer performances without sting, the song will no longer be directed, and the lyrics would become a celebration of the individual rather than the complaints of the lover. These developments can be seen as an extension of Protestantism, as Max Weber argued, because they represent a gradual increase in the effects of martin luther's doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, or they can be seen as an increase in the power and assertiveness of the bourgeoisie and an echo of the displacement of a worker from home in a growing industrialization , as Marxists like E.P. Thompson have argued. It can be argued that the development of a subjective individual towards a social individual was a natural reaction to trade compared to other methods of economic production. Whatever the root cause, a largely conservative set of voices advocated for the social person, and largely emerging voices defended individuals. Alexander Pope, the free poet who most influenced the Augustan age. The poetry of the entire Augustan age was mastered by Alexander Pope. His lines have been repeated quite often to lend quite a few clichés and proverbs to the modern use of English. The Pope had few poetic rivals, but he had many personal enemies and political, philosophical or religious opponents, and the Pope himself argued in the press. The Pope and his enemies (often called Fools because of the Pope's successful satire in Dunciad) fought over the central issue of the right subject of poetry and the correct pose of a poetic voice. There was a great struggle for the nature and role of pastoral at the beginning of the century. After the Pope published his pastoral work for four seasons in 1709, a review in the Guardian praised the pastorals of Ambrose Philips over the Popes, and the Pope responded with false praise of Philip's pastors, who had accumulated contempt for them. The Pope quoted Philips' worst lines, mocked his execution, and looked forward to pointing out his blank lines. The Pope later explained that any depiction of shepherds and their mistresses in pastoral must not be updated by shepherds, that they must be icons of the golden age: We do not describe our shepherds as shepherds on this day they really are, but how they can be conceived then they were when the best people followed (Gordon). Philips pastorals were not particularly terrible poems, but they reflected his desire to update pastoral. In 1724, Philips would update poetry again by writing a series of odes dedicated to all ages and characters, from Walpole, the helmsman of the empire, to Miss Pulteney in the nursery. Henry Carey was one of the best at satirizing these poems, and his Namyby Pambly became a very successful annihilation of Philips and Philips efforts. What is remarkable about Philips against the Pope, however, is the fact that both poets have been adapting pastoral and ode, both changing it. The Pope's insistence on the pastoral of the golden age, no less than Philips's desire to update, meant making a political statement. While it is easy to see the pursuit of modernist triumph in Ambrose Philips, it is no less that the Pope's artificially limited pastoralism was a statement of what the ideal should be. A portrait of John Gay from Samuel Johnson's Lives of the English Poets in 1779. Gay's dark satire contrasted with the tougher Pope and Swift. The Pope's friend John Gay also edited the pastoral. Gay, working on the Pope's proposal, wrote a parody of the updated pastoral in Shepherd's Week. He also mimicked the satire Juvenal with his Trivia. In 1728, his Beggar's Opera was a huge success when he applied for an unheard of eighty performances. All these works have a common gesture of compassion. In Trivia, Gay writes as if compassion for those who live in London and are menacing falling masonry and bedpan slops, and Shepherd's Week features a great detail of the stupidity of everyday life and eccentric character. Even The Beggar's Opera, which is robert walpole's satire, portrays its characters with compassion: villains have their own wretched songs and act out of exigency rather than endless evil. During the Augustan era, updating classical poets was a matter of course. They were not translations, but rather imitations of classical models and imitations allowed poets to guard their responsibility for the comments they made. Alexander Pope would have managed to refer to the king himself in unflattering tones by imitating Horace in his epistle to Augustus. Similarly, Samuel Johnson wrote a poem that dates back to the Augustan period in his imitation of Juvenal called London. The imitation was inherently conservative because it claimed that everything that was good was found in old classical education, but these imitations were used for progressive purposes, because the poets who used them often did so to complain about the political situation. In satire, the Pope achieved two of the greatest poetic satires of all time during the Augustan period. The rape of the castle (1712 and 1714) was a gentle mockery-heroc. The Pope applies Virgil's heroic and epic structure to the story of a young woman (Arabella Fermor) who has a strand of hair cut off by a love baron (Lord Petre). The comparison forces the Pope to invent mythological forces to overlook the fight, thus creating epic battles, complete with mythology of sylphs and metempsychosis, through the game Ombre, leading to the diabolical appropriation of the hair lock. Finally, deus ex machina appears, and a strand of hair experiences apotheosis. To some extent, Pope was adapting Jonathan Swift's habit, in The Story of the Baths, pretending that metaphors were literal truths, and he was instilling mythos to go with everyday. The poem was a huge public achievement. One of the scabrous satirical prints directed against the Pope after his Dunciad of 1727 a decade after the genre, the Pope wrote his masterpiece invective and specific opprobrium in Dunciad. The story is that the goddess Dulness choosing a new Avatar. He settles on one of the Pope's personal enemies, Lewis Theobald, and the poem describes the coronation and heroic plays performed by all of Great Britain's dunces to celebrate Theobald's rise. When the Pope's enemies responded to the Dunciad attacks, the Pope created Dunciad Variorum with a learned commentary on the original Dunciad. In 1743 he added a fourth book and changed the hero from Lewis Theobald to Colley Cibber. In the fourth book of the new Dunciad, the Pope expressed the view that in the battle between light and darkness (enlightenment and the Dark Ages), night and Dulness were destined to win, that all things of value were soon to be subsumed under the curtain of ignorance. John Gay and Alexander Pope belong on one side of the line separating celebrants individuals and social celebrants. The Pope wrote Rape of the Castle, he said, to settle disagreements between two large families, laughing at them into peace. Even Dunciad, who appears to be serially murdering everyone on Pope's enemies list, refers to these figures in the letters as manifestations of dangerous and antisocial forces. Theobald and Cibber are marked by vanity and pride by not caring about morality. Hiring pens Pope attacks mercilessly in the heroic game parts of Dunciad are all the embodiment of avarice and lies. Similarly, Gay writes about political society, about social dangers, and about the folly that needs to be addressed to protect a larger whole. Gay individuals are microcosms of society like the ise. On the other side of that line were people who agreed with gay and pope policy (and Swift), but not in approach. These include, early in augustan age, James Thomson and Edward Young. Predecessors of Romanticism In 1726, two poems describing the landscape from a personal point of view were published, taking into account their feelings and moral lessons from direct observation. One of them was John Dyer's Grongar Hill, the other was James Thomson's Winter, soon followed by all seasons (1726-30). Both are contrary to the Pope's conception of the golden age of pastoral, as illustrated in his Windsor Mythology is at a minimum and there is no celebration of Britain or the crown. Where the octosyllabic double verses of Dyer's poem glorify the natural beauty of mountain views and are quietly meditative, the declamatory empty verse of Thomson's winter meditation is melancholic and soon proves that emotions are appropriate for poetic expression. One of the great followers in this line was Edward Yonge's Night Thoughts (1742–1744). It was, even more so than Winter, a poem of deep loneliness, melancholy and despair. In these poems, there are stirring text as romantics would see it: a celebration of a private individual's eccentric, but paradigmatic, response to the vision of the world. A portrait of Thomas Gray with a cemetery in the background These hints of a lone poet were transferred to a new realm with Thomas Gray, whose Elegy Written in a Country Church-Yard (1750) kicked off a new obsession with the poetry of melancholic reflection. It was written in the country and not in or unlike London, and the poem sets a lone observer in a privileged position. Only by being lonely can the poet talk about the truth, which is completely individually realized. After Gray, a group often referred to as church poets began imitating his pose and almost as often his style. Alternative models were adopted by Oliver Goldsmith (Deserted Village), Thomas Warton, and even Thomas Percy (Hermit of Warkworth), who, also conservative and generally classicist (Gray himself was a Greek professor), took up new poetry of loneliness and loss. When the romantics appeared in the late 18th century, they were in a state of crisis. Similarly, later the 18th century saw ballads revived, with Thomas Percy's Reliques of ancient English poetry. The relics weren't always too old, as many 17th-century ballads were not. When this popular impulse combined with the solitary and individualistic impulse of cemetery poets, romanticism was almost inevitable. Drama Main article: Augustan drama Augustan era is difficult to define chronologically in praeisis and poetry, but it is very easy to date its end in drama. Augustan era drama ended definitively in 1737, with the licensing law. Before 1737, however, the English scene quickly changed from the drama Restoration and Restoration and their noble objects to the rapidly evolving melodrama (Munns 97–100). [discuss] George Lillo and Richard Steele wrote trendy plays from the early Augustan period. Lill's games have consciously changed from heroes and kings to merchants and apprentices. They highlighted drama on a household scale, rather than a national scale, and hamartia agon in his tragedies are the common shortcomings of malleable temptation and the commission of Christian sin. The plots are solved by Christian forgiveness and repentance. Steele's The Conscious Lovers (1722) depends on his young hero to avoid a duel. Games set a new set of values for the stage. Instead of entertaining the audience or inspiring the audience, they tried to educate the audience and make it better. Also, the games were popular precisely because they seemed to reflect their own lives and the concerns of the audience (Legouis 782-787, 879-883). Joseph Addison also wrote a play in 1713 called Cato, which concerned the Roman statesman Cat the Younger. The year of its premiere was important, with Queen Anne in serious illness at the time, and both the Conservatives Ministry of The Day and whig opposition (already led by Robert Walpole) were concerned about succession. Both groups contacted the Old Candidate to bring in a young candidate. Londoners sensed anxiety because Anna had no heirs, and all the natural successors to the Stuart family were Roman Catholics or unavailable. Therefore, the figure of Cato was a transparent symbol of Roman integrity, and Whigs saw in him a master of whig values, and the Conservatives saw him as the embodiment of Tory sentiments, or, like the Tory Examiner, tried to claim that Cato was above the political faction. Both sides encouraged the game, but Addison was himself clearly Whig (Bloom and Bloom 266, 269). John Home game Douglas (1756) would have a similar fate as Cato in the next generation, following the Licensing Act. William Hogarth's 1724 print, Just View of the British Stage, depicts drury lane managers (Robert Wilks, Colley Cibber and Barton Booth) rehearsing a play consisting of nothing but special effects, using scripts for Macbeth, Hamlet, Julius Caesar and The Way of the World for toilet paper. The Battle of Effects was a common theme of satire for literary ingenuity, including the Pope in Dunciad. As during restoration, the economy managed the stage during the Augustan period. Under the auspices of the Court of Charles II. The drama, which celebrated the king and told of the history of British monarchs, was appropriate for the crown and courtier. Charles II However, after the reign of William and Mary, the court and the Crown ceased to be very interested in the playhouse. Theatres had to raise their money from the city's audience, and plays that reflected the city's concerns and celebrated the lives of citizens were staged (Munns 96-99). Thus, there were quite a few plays that were not literary, which were staged more often than literary games. John Rich and Colley Cibber competed in special theatrical effects. They did on games that were actually glasses, and the text of the game was almost an idea. On stage were dragons, gales, thunder, ocean waves and even real elephants. Battles: explosions and horses were placed on planks. Rich specialized in pantomime and was known as the figure of Lun in harlew presentations. The plays thus laid out are generally not preserved or studied, but their monopoly on theatres has infamously established literary authors. In addition, the opera made its way to England during this period. Since opera combined singing with acting, it was a mixed genre that violated all the limitations of neoclassicism. Also high melodies would cover the singers' expressions of sadness or joy, thus breaking the décor. To add insult to injury, the cast and famous stars were strangers, and as with Farinelli, castrations. Satirists saw not one plus one invidiousness in opera. As the Pope said in Dunciad B: The Joy of Chaos! Let the Division reign: The chromatic anachronism will soon drive them [the muses], break all their nerves, and crush all their meaning: One Trill harmonizes joy, sorrow, and anger, awakens the somme of the Church, and lurs the shouting stage: To the same tones, your sons will be buzzing or snoring, and all your ying daughters are crying, encore. (IV 55-60) Frontispiece on Tom Thumb Fielding, a play satirising play (and Robert Walpole) by John Gay parodied opera with his satirical Beggar's Opera (1728) and offered a parody of Robert Walpole's actions during the South Sea Bubble. Superficially, the play is about a man named Macheath who is still imprisoned by a thief named Peachum and who escapes prison over and over again because the daughter of a jailer, Lucy Lockitt, is in love with him. This is an obvious parallel with the case of Jonathan Wild (Peachum) and Jack Sheppard (Macheath). However, it was also the story of Robert Walpole (Peachum) and The South Sea Directors (Macheath). The game was a hit, and her songs were printed and sold. However, when Gay wrote a sequel called Polly, Walpole had the game suppressed before the performance (Winn 112-114). That's why the playwrights were in the Strait. On the one hand, playhouses did without games by turning hack-written pantomimes. On the other hand, when the satirical play appeared, whig's ministry suppressed it. Hostility was picked up by Henry Fielding, who was not afraid to fight Walpole. His Tom Thumb (1730) was a satire on all the tragedies he had written, with quotes from all the worst plays that were associated with absurdity, and the plot concerned a little man of the same name who tried to run things. It was, in other words, an attack on Robert Walpole and the way he was referred to as the Great Man. The Big Man here is clearly inadequate because he's a dwarf. Walpole replied, and Fielding's reply of the game was only in print. It was written by Scriblerus Secundo. Its front page said it was a tragedy of tragedy that as clearly Swiftian parody satire. Anti-Walpolean sentiment has also shown in more and more political games. A strange play of unknown authorship called The Vision of the Golden Ages was cited when Parliament passed the Licensing Act of 1737. The licensing law required all plays to go to the censor before the production, and only plays passed by the censor could be performed. The first game to be banned by the new law was Henry Brooke's Gustavus Vasa. Samuel Johnson wrote Swiftian's parody satire of licensees entitled Complete Justification of Licensees of the English Scene. Satire, of course, was not an excuse at all, but rather a reductionist absurdity of opinion on censorship. If licensees had not carried out their authority in a partisan manner, the law might not have cooled the stage so dramatically, but the public was well aware of the bans and censorship, and so every play that passed through licensees was considered suspicious by the public. Therefore, playhouses had no choice but to present old games and pantomimes and other games that had no conceivable political content. In other words, William Shakespeare's reputation grew enormously, as his plays recorded four performances, and sentimental comedy and melodrama were the only options. Very late in the 18th century, Oliver Goldsmith tried to resist the tide of sentimental comedy with She Stoops to Conquer (1773) and Richard Brinsley Sheridan after the death of Robert Walpole he got on several satirical plays. 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