

As a critic says:

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Donne's love poetry is a hallmark in English literature. He describes a conflict between emotions and intellect. His love poetry is also called a fusion of thoughts and feelings. He yokes together the tender feelings of love with his thoughts.

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Q How does Dickens criticize the utilitarianism in "Hard Times"?

In Hard Times, Dickens criticizes utilitarianism because he believes it limits an individual's emotions and aspirations. He also thinks that utilitarianism is based on the wrong idea of human nature, and that it does not allow human qualities like compassion, altruism and imagination. Dicken says that philosophy of "Pursuit of Happiness" is just the pursuit of material profit which results in a depressing system with poor results. He says that rich people have financial, political and social problems while poor have poor, miserable and unhealthy/unhealthy lives.

Dicken uses one of the main characters of the novel to explore

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how utilitarianism affects them.
For example "Sissy Jupe" represents
lack of imagination, compassion,
understanding and real childhood
that Dicken thinks the system has.
"Stephen Blackpool" represents being
genuine and driven by feelings
rather than being spoiled by
political or ideological opinions.

Here are some criticisms
in Hard Times by C. Dickens:-

- 1- Dehumanization Utilitarianism focuses
on rationality and efficiency leads to
dehumanization reducing them to machines.
2. Emotional Bankruptcy:- Characters like
"Gradgrind" focuses on facts and logic
over emotions resulting in lack of
genuine human connection.
3. False Happiness:- The pursuit of utility
often masks deeper human needs
leading to superficial human
sense of happiness that fails to
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4. Social injustices:- Utilitarian principles can justify exploitation and inequality as seen in harsh working conditions in cokedowns.

5. Loss of individuality:- Utilitarianism promotes conformity and uniformity stifling individual expression and creativity in favor of societal efficiency.

6. Impact on Education:-

The Utilitarian Education system depicted in the novel stifles imagination and critical thinking reducing students to mere receptacles of facts and figures rather than nurturing their holistic development.