

CHARLES DICKENS :

- OLIVER TWIST
- NICHOLAS NICKLEBY
- HARD TIMES

INTRODUCTION :

general themes:

- Childhood (Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby)
- Education (Nicholas Nickleby)
- Exploitation (Hard Times, Nicholas Nickleby)
- Effects of the Industrial Revolution (Hard Times)

DEVELOPMENT:

Real description of the places; very rich in the use of adjectives to describe setting and people's aspect; instead the characters are flat ones without any psychological description, and they are symbols of human qualities or human vices.

Children and their innocence are Dickens's point of view. The author speaks through the children's voice.

Dickens mixes comedy and tragedy.

Comic details are important to underline the negative aspects of contemporary situation, and the negative effects of the Industrial Revolution in an ironic way.

CONCLUSION:

The aim of Dickens's criticism is making people know about the problems of the society and make them to face these problems. Yet, he isn't a revolutionary. He wants people to be better inside themselves.