

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES JOYCE

James Joyce was an Irish novelist and poet considered to be one of the most important writers of the 20th century. He pushed the _____ of literature with his inventive and _____ stream of consciousness writing style.



Date of Birth: February 2, 1882
Dublin, Ireland
Poet, Novelist, Critic

Personal Life and Career



Joyce came from a middle-class family, who lived in the _____ of Dublin, where he attended his education all the way through to university. He began to travel across Europe in his early 20s to _____ a career as a teacher. He did this with his partner, and later wife, Nora Barnacle. While teaching, he began to _____ his talents as a writer and set himself to begin producing his famous works of art.

Joyce was a jaded and rather _____ character for his time, in addition to an abusive father, he _____ Catholicism at a young age. For an Irish person in the early 20th century, this would have been almost _____ of at that time. These personal issues often reflected in his work, giving his stories a sense of rugged _____.

Notable Works

- Dubliners (1914)
- A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (1916)
- Exiles (1918)
- Ulysses (1922)
- Finnegans Wake (1939)



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Joyce and Dublin

Growing up in Dublin had a _____ (POWER) effect on Joyce, as almost all his literature reflects his impressions of the city. His first collection of short stories is, of course, called *Dubliners*, which is the most obvious example of his ties to the city. Each short story depicts a different perspective of everyday life in Dublin. The _____ (FRANK) of the stories makes it clear that many of them draw right from first-hand experiences.

Joyce's Dublin is both gloomy and _____ (MAGIC) at the same time while later works such as *Ulysses* add to the atmosphere _____ (ORIGINAL) presented in short stories such as *Araby*, making Dublin seem like a place of legend. At the same time, however, they acknowledge the realities that come along with city life such as crime, _____ (CORRUPT) and _____ (POOR).

It's easy to see why Dublin left such a strong _____ (IMPRESS) on Joyce. It's a city that appears almost timeless. You could visit a tavern there today, and you'd almost expect to pull up a chair next to Joyce himself. In fact, nowadays, it is Joyce that leaves a _____ (LAST) effect on Dublin. The city rightfully celebrates his immense _____ (ACHIEVE) in the literary field, and there are _____ (NUMBER) places across the city where you can learn more about him.

Controversy



James Joyce stirred up society in his time, which contributed in no small part to his fame. Apart from being outspoken on the topic of religion, he supported several other _____ (CONTROVERSY) views. There are relationships in some of his stories perceived to be same sex by an Irish society that was highly _____ (TOLERANCE) of such things at the time. Joyce's _____ (TEND) to present an _____ (FILTER) perspective on life also lead to several _____ (ARGUE) about the topic of _____ (OBSCENE) and the degree of _____ (CENSOR) in literature.

Ulysses sparked the largest controversy when, in 1921, part of the _____ (SERIES) released novel fell into the lap of an important American lawyer. The lawyer took it upon himself to take the matter to court and eventually banned future _____ (PUBLISH) and the distribution of the novel in the United States.

Many considered the novel equally _____ (TASTEFUL) in the British Isles, though the novel was eventually published in one collection in 1922, from a Paris-based company. From there, it distributed across the world, with imported copies frequently confiscated.

It was incidents such as these that highlight what made Joyce such an important literary figure, as his writing caused much controversy because it was honest and _____ (EXPRESS). He blended beautiful writing with crass language and descriptions, which reflected Joyce's personality perfectly. It is this unique style that made him famous and continues to make him relevant to this day.

James Joyce death: January 13, 1941, in Switzerland