

Dracula context

Myth from legend

- Many know Vlad as Dracula. Blood sucking vampire
- He was very powerful and effective dictator
- Fought off the ottomans
- Was able to protect Christianity
- Vlad received torture
- Castle Dracula was built from the younger boyars slavery – potential threats in overshadowing Vlad

Bram Stoker

He was born in a small town near Dublin, Island

He suffered from a long childhood illness and spent his entire childhood in bed

Doctors used leaches in an attempt to cure his illness

He wanted to be an actor

1871, stoker began writing theatre reviews for the Dublin Evening Mail

Dracula

Type of literature that combines horror and romance. Victorian era was entering its most creative period

Epistolary Novel – series of documents. Usually in form of letters, although diary entries, newspapers and other documents are also used

East vs west

Fear that the “uncivilised” colonies in the East were infecting and / or invading the west

Within the east people still held many superstitious beliefs whereas in the west, technology and science were developing rapidly during the industrial revolution.

Men = head of the household

Women = duty to love, honour, obey her husband

Women were considered subordinate to the men and to support her husband and property raise her children were considered crucial cornerstones of society stability by the Victorians

Ideal Victorian women

Pure, chaste, refined and modest

Women were only expected to be with their husbands, yet it was acceptable for men to have multiple lovers

If women slept outside the confines of marriage. She was considered “ruined” or “fallen”

Education