

Trends in Contemporary Literature (The Secular Masque)

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▷ Trend → temporary literary fashion often spearheaded by a philosophical foundation; believed to be true literature by its followers.

→ ideology affects the writer's attitude towards his/her work (50+ years)

▷ Movement → period/staying power is longer (100 yrs + above) affects the diff. branches of the humanity

THE SECULAR MASQUE

by John Dryden

Time & Milieu:

Louis XIV → pattern of great literary & artistic figures of France, classical age

→ preservation of discipline & proper decorum at all times → aimed for progress of the society.

NEOCLASSICISM → adheres to order, reason & rules.

→ viewed human as limited & imperfect

→ nature is considered to an ordered harmonious universe that exhibits no artificial design

→ emphasis on SOCIETY over INDIVIDUAL; TRUTH over

BEAUTY, REASON over EMOTION; INTELLECT over EMOTION

STYLE → neoclassical

→ heroic couplet

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