

# Jane Eyre as an Intrepid and Audacious Female in Charlotte Bronte's novel *Jane Eyre*

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## Abstract

This Article is to Project the Original state of a Women, who were Oppressed by the people where they are not able to express their own feelings and thoughts. Women are facing so much Suppression and Oppression in their life. They should overcome the problem and face the situation boldly. In **Jane Eyre** novel, the author depicts the character Jane searching for her own individualism because she was an orphan and her Uncle takes care of her. During Victorian Era, Women are so much oppressed and not giving proper education but Now -a-days women occupy equal position in all fields and they should overcome the problem and face the situation boldly.

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**Jane Eyre**, written by Victorian writer, poet and novelist Charlotte Bronte's whose novels have become enduring classics for English Literature. The childhood of Bronte was desolate without any joy. Fortunately, their father, a poor learned priest, he himself taught them reading, and guided them to read newspaper. This would be a relief in the midst of sadness. **Jane Eyre** is widely acclaimed as her masterpiece. It is the first, also the most powerful and popular novel to represent the modern view of women's position in society. It is all about a tough and independent woman who pursues true love and equality. It is all about the Suppression of a Women and how she overcame the problem and face the situation boldly. It sets in Northern England, early 19th century. During 19th century Women are not equally treated like men and they are considered as weaker sex. They should not occupy equal position like men but now -a-days it's totally changed women occupied equal position in all fields.

Charlotte Bronte portrays the character Jane as a strong and independent women. As she was an orphan, she was brought up in her Aunt Reed house and she was tormented by her Aunt son and she slowly losing her own individualism there. Everyone should have their own individualism in this world. Creating our own identity in a group of people living together that is

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the society is a very difficult problem but we should find our own identity otherwise we will be dominated by the people especially women will be dominated by male.

In **Jane Eyre** novel, the character Jane is an orphan, and is ill-treated at a young age. She also strives for her life, and forms a tough character. She learns how to live from her childhood's environment especially in her Aunt's home. Her growing experiences, it creates her strong personality, beautiful ideal and wisdom. She makes a life by herself, and dares to show her own voice. Under the pressure of life, she always maintains her self respect by her hard work, intelligence and tough individualism.

Charlotte Bronte's experience at the school influenced her portrayal of Lowood Institution in **Jane Eyre**. Jane educated at Lowood Institution, where she gains friends and role models but also suffers privations and oppression. The Lowood Institution is especially for poor and charity people and it was run by Mr. Brocklehurst. Through many harsh treatments that she faced in Lowood Institution, she finds two role models Helen and Miss Temple. They supported her in a positive way. Education plays a vital role in everyone's life both men and women. During Victorian Era, Women are treated as only weaker sex and they should be under four walls but Jane as an orphan and educated in Lowood Institution and became a teacher.

Each and Every human being in their life should search for their own independence like Charlotte Bronte's Novel the character Jane as an orphan at Gateshead is oppressed and dependent. Jane wants to find or discover her own self, so she must break out of those restrictive conditions and find love and independence. Every Woman feels to be independent in this world but the Circumstances made them to be dependent. If a woman to be dependent on man means they are slowly depending on them in their entire life and losing the identity in the hands of men. Women should face the problem and situation boldly.

During the Victorian period, the society is man controlled and man dominated, and women are subject to the voice of men. It is impossible for a low status woman to have a decent life or a good marriage. And also in this period the female writers take the pens to speak for the oppressed women and **Jane Eyre** comes to be the most influential novel. People in the Victorian age have the idea that people are not born equally, people in high rank despise people in low rank and men are superior to women. Consequently women like Jane are treated equally in every field. When Jane realizes the unfair situation, she rebels constantly for the basic rights of equality. It well reflects Jane's resolution and persistence in struggle for her self-realization.

Literature in the Victorian period truly reflects the reality and spirit of that time. The power, reality towards society, humor with kindness and boundless imagination are all beyond any time. In every aspect of Literature, works are ready to welcome the new century.

In Charlotte Bronte's novel **Jane Eyre** the character Jane pursuit for Equality and Independence .It is a very difficult problem that she faced in her Aunt's house. Jane lost her parents when she was young, and thanks to her uncle. Jane could live a good life, but unfortunately her uncle died after a few years. Aunt Reed always treat her as an encumbrance inferior to a maid and takes her as a doll to show hypocritical generosity. Jane was sent to Lowood boarding school where she learnt a lot and become much stronger and independence.

Jane also pursuit for her Self Esteem that was beautifully explained by the author Bronte in **Jane Eyre** novel under the chapter of Thornfield. Meeting with Rochester and fall in love with him reflected the feminism in Jane and her new thoughts. Jane does not think that she is making a sacrifice. She says,

**"I love the people I love is that to make a sacrifice? If so, then certainly I delight in sacrifice"**(Bronte, 2002,pg 451).

In most people's eyes, Jane decision is foolish one because she would like to marry a man who loses his sight and most of his wealth. But as to Jane, she is different in her mind, pure love is the meaning of heart and minds of two people.

As a women in her life Jane faced so many oppression, struggles moreover domination but she overcome that. In ancient days women faces all the oppression and they never raise out their own voice but now -a -.days it's totally changed.Women are equal to men and also achieved so many thing in this world. Whatever situation that we are facing in our day to day life don't lose our own individualism.

Every human being should find their own individualism in their life and not dependent on anyone and occupy equal positions in all fields.Women are equal as men no matter in personality, economy, or social status. They should overcome the problems such as Oppression like the character of Jane ,she faced so much oppression in her Aunt's house and she lost her own identity. Searching for her own independence takes her to Lowood school where she enjoyed the Independence and also gain good friendship. She faced so many problems in her life and overcome everything in a bold manner. Likewise we can take Jane as one of the inspirations in our life and do not fear for anything and should face every problem and overcome the situation in bold manner.

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This paper helps the reader to realize the importance of independence and to be enough to fight for their basic rights as human beings.

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