

The Refund: A Critique of Education System

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ABSTRACT

We all agree that education and education system directly or indirectly influences society. It aims to train the citizens for making the nation self independent. It imparts the human values like- honesty, liberty, equality, fraternity and truth...etc. Surely education is the tool that truly changes the civilization and humanity. Education and literature are inseparable. Literature is the reflection of the society. The present research paper reflects one of the sub-themes of this international seminar- **‘Corruption in literature as portrayed in literature.** ‘It is an attempt to present how literature reflects education to bring out changes in it. It hints that the present system of education is outdated. Now, it does not suit to the benefit of the contemporary society. It must be changed.

‘The Refund’ by Fritz karinthy is a short play which presents the unusefulness of today’s education. The very idea that a former student of the school demands his fees as Refund is very strange. But, it presents the actual failure of the education system. This

play in a very simple manner presents the need of time and necessity of changing today’s education system. This play can be critically interpreted at two levels. The first is the real meaning of education and today’s education system. It critically attacks the so called meaningless, outdated education system and suggests the needy, positive, fruitful changes. The second level is the inculcation of human values. To have a holistic approach towards education, emphasis must be laid on incorporating human values that will lead to complete self-reliance. At last, the teacher declared that Wasserkopf, the former student had given all correct answers to their questions and thus, he passed the exam. In this way, they succeeded in not giving the refund to Wasserkopf. Finally, he was shown the door without a refund. The masters had finally succeeded in outsmarting a crafty and sly pupil and saving their boss, the principal, school and the education system.

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