

ABSTRACT

An Analysis of Social Injustice in *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy

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This research discusses a novel written by Leo Tolstoy entitled *War and Peace*. The writer aims to describe the social injustice issue that often appears in society. This research aims to identify the idea of social injustice that reflected in *War and Peace* through the characters in the story. This study applies descriptive qualitative methods and typically library research. This study employed the Marxism approach about social injustice in order to look at the relation between literary work and society's historical elements that happened in the past. Marx's theory emphasizes the inherent conflicts between different social classes, particularly the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. In *War and Peace* novels, it can be seen from the lives of characters from diverse social backgrounds, such as the aristocracy represented by characters like Prince Andrei and the wealthy Pierre Bezukhov, as well as the common people like the soldiers and peasants.

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