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Abstract

The purpose of this research is to analyze the imperialist's features of Rudyard

Kipling's poem "The White Man's Burden" (1899). The poem deals with Kipling's

imperialistic inclinations. This dissertation discusses the main imperialistic tendencies of

Kipling, such as the invitation and the justification of imperialism. His inclinations have been

analyzed in the chosen poem and the first look revealed that Kipling in The White Man's

Burden had some to reveal about the imperialistic movements. This paper aims to answer the

following questions:

1. What was the impact of imperialism on British literature?

2. What was the message revealed in The White Man's Burden?

3. How does Kipling show his imperialist tendencies through the poem?

Key words: Imperialistic inclinations, Imperialist ideology,

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