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Abstract

Young adult literature has developed from a didactic means o

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adolescents to a means of promoting the reader's psychological independent individual. In contemporary works (1970s onward) the theory of the Panoptical society has given way to the development of the adolescent rebel. In these novels, a pattern can be seen in which the control of the Panoptical society and accepts the role of adolescent. In particular, this pattern can be seen in the works of Francine Prose (*Wrinkler and Stargirl*), Bette Greene (*The Drowning of Stephen*) and *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Daughter*. Each of these novels features an adolescent rebel character defying the social ideals centered on gender, sexuality, and race. This pattern is important to the genre of young adult fiction because it not only brings new literary merit to the idea of the adolescent but also aids in the adolescent reader's psychological growth and development. Lawrence Kohlberg and Erik Erikson.

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