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Lord Byron

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Lord Byron was a brutal man, his life was not like others, and he lived not like others. He himself has a very unique character and his life is very well spent. Most authors around the world have distinctive style of writing. Lord Byron is one of the most well known poets in England especially his work the Byronic Hero.<sup>1</sup>

Lord Byron was born in London, England. He lived till the age of 36; his death was caused by a development called sepsis. He was born with a birth defect known as a clubfoot. While he walks he has a limp throughout his life that causes him to feel bad for himself. This later would affect his style of writing because he suffered an unfortunate life during he was young. During the early 1808 he rented a boat to have a Grand Tour around Europe, he took two years to finish the tour. He travelled to Portugal, Spain and Albania; during this grand tour around Europe he had sexual attraction with many different kinds of girls. This began one of first series of event in his life that made him a celebrity. This trip gave him an inspiration to write the poems. Each city he visited gave him man ideas because each of the cities he travelled to have many culture. But the most important city that he traveled to was Albania. When he reached Albania he discovered

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<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia contributors. "Byronic hero." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 7 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Byronic\\_hero&oldid=476172935](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Byronic_hero&oldid=476172935)>

that in this countrymen were more united and not separated. This trip caused Lord Byron to discover new things, and also have a better life.<sup>2</sup>

The Byronic Hero started during the Romanticism, during this period many authors and artist started to write differently<sup>3</sup>. Each author has a distinct type of poems; Lord Byron was one of the main person who sparked the period. He wrote a special type of poem<sup>4</sup>. He developed a type of character called the Byronic Hero. One of his works called the Childe Harold's Pilgrimage this was his first work that his character appeared. Byron got his inspiration from his first wife Lady Caroline Lamb<sup>5</sup>. The traits of this character include usually male, dark and misfortune, heroic, troubled past, and extremely passionate<sup>67</sup>. Byron first sketch was a very imaginative it was called The Corsair. The picture had waves of black water and a type of hero holding a weapon<sup>8</sup>. Although this is just a type of character he made authors write epic stories more easily. Because before this type of characters imagination of characters of very limited. All the characters were standard with no strong traits. His world changed the world by including a small part of

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<sup>2</sup> Wikipedia contributors. "Lord Byron." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 11 Feb. 2012. Web. 7 Feb. 2012. <[http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lord\\_Byron&oldid=476276669](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lord_Byron&oldid=476276669)>

<sup>3</sup> Wikipedia contributors. "Romanticism." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 13 Feb. 2012. <<http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Romanticism&oldid=476551511>>

<sup>4</sup> Mondragon, Brenda C.. "Lord Byron." *Neurotic Poets*. 7 Feb 2012. <<http://www.neuroticpoets.com/byron/>>

<sup>5</sup> Jump, John. *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage and Don Juan*. 1973. P 98-121

<sup>6</sup> Lawson, Jacqueline. "Characteristics of the Byronic Hero." *The University of Michigan-Dearborn*. 7 Feb 2012. <<http://www.umd.umich.edu/casl/hum/eng/classes/434/charweb/CHARACTE.htm>>.

<sup>7</sup> Lawson, Jacqueline. "Characteristics of the Byronic Hero." *The University of Michigan-Dearborn*. 7 Feb 2012. <<http://www.umd.umich.edu/casl/hum/eng/classes/434/charweb/CHARACTE.htm>>.

<sup>8</sup> Wilson, Frances. *Byromania Portraits of the Artist in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Culture*. 1999. P 159-168

gothic in his writing. Without his writings vampire wouldn't exist and also Edgar Allen Poe wouldn't have any poetry.

One of the greatest author in the world, Shakespeare, he wrote a play called Hamlet. Later this character was recognized as Byronic Hero<sup>9</sup>. He also revolutionizes how an author writes about the characters in the story. The traits of the characters are very distinctive for example Professor Snape in Harry Potter, his traits as a character is very strong. Snape character is one of the hardest to figure out, he is very mysterious and at the end all of his character was later explained that his life before becoming a professor is very hard. The way he dressed up and his the way he act towards other character without Lord Byron this type of characters wouldn't exist<sup>10</sup>. There are many more examples in the world, but he revolutionizes the way authors write.

Lord Byron was and will inspire many authors in the future. Although he experiences a short life and he exiled out of England, in Britain people still fascinate him. The Byron Society still is active and functioning throughout the world. Most of his misfortunes in life happen since he was young. This is a major cause of why he can write such great poems. It's because he experience life itself like no other can. His work will be remembered for not just what he wrote but what he expressed and did during his lifetime. Although he might be considered bad he did many great things during his lifetime. People considered him as a first modern celebrity because of his ideas that made people fascinate him.

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<sup>9</sup> [McGann](#), Jerome J. "Lord Byron: The Major Works." 2008. p..

<sup>10</sup> Lawson, Wyshona D.. "The Byronic Hero Lives as Severus Snape!" *Romanticism and Revolution, Romanticism and War A discussion forum for ENGL 637-01*. 7 Feb 2012. <  
<http://erinwebstergarrett.edublogs.org/2011/11/06/the-byronic-hero-lives-in-severus-snape/>>