

THE EMERGENCE OF POSTCOLONIALISM: A HISTORICAL ASPECT

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ABSTRACT

The emergence of postcolonialism traces its history back to the time period of colonialism. Postcolonialism is a resultant concept of colonialism and other political and social concepts. This research paper aims to study the emergence of postcolonialism as a new avenue of literary criticism. The concept of colonialism is discussed in detail in relation to imperialism, neocolonialism and eventually postcolonialism. The importance of postcolonialism as a tool in literary criticism is also focussed upon in this paper.

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