

Dulcinea in the Factory: A Feminist Critique of Modernity

Miguel de Cervantes's 1605 novel *Dulcinea in the Factory* is a scathing critique of the social and economic conditions of his time. Through the experiences of the title character, Cervantes explores the ways in which women are oppressed and exploited under capitalism. The novel is a powerful indictment of the patriarchal system and a call for social change.



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Dulcinea's Journey

Dulcinea is a young woman who leaves her home in the countryside to work in a factory in the city. She is eager to earn money and support her family, but she soon learns that the factory is a dangerous and exploitative place. The workers are paid poverty wages and forced to work long hours

in unsafe conditions. They are also subject to sexual harassment and violence from their supervisors.

Dulcinea's experiences in the factory open her eyes to the realities of life for women under capitalism. She sees how women are treated as second-class citizens, denied basic rights and opportunities. She also learns about the importance of collective action and the power of solidarity.

A Feminist Critique of Modernity

Dulcinea in the Factory is a feminist critique of modernity. Cervantes shows how the Industrial Revolution has led to the exploitation and oppression of women. He argues that capitalism is a system that is inherently patriarchal and that it is impossible for women to achieve true equality under this system.

Cervantes's novel is a call for social change. He argues that it is necessary to overthrow capitalism and create a new social order in which women are treated as equals. He also calls for an end to the patriarchal system and the establishment of a new society based on principles of equality and justice.

Legacy of *Dulcinea in the Factory*

Dulcinea in the Factory is a powerful and influential novel that has had a lasting impact on feminist thought. The novel has been translated into many languages and has been studied by scholars around the world. It is considered a classic of Spanish literature and a major work of feminist criticism.

The novel's message of hope and solidarity continues to inspire activists and scholars today. It is a reminder that the fight for women's rights is not over and that we must continue to work to create a more just and equitable world for all.

Further Reading

- *Dulcinea* in *Don Quixote*
- *Dulcinea in the Factory* and the Feminist Critique of Capitalism
- *Dulcinea en la fábrica* (in Spanish)



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