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WOMEN WRITERS' CONTRIBUTION TO 19TH CENTURY
ENGLISH LITERATURE

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This work will explore the contributions of women writers during the 19th century to English literature.

Women have always been active in literature, expressing themselves through words and writing. Some of the earliest known writings are attributed to women. However, as universal acceptance of women in the public sphere evolved slowly, many women were hindered from openly publishing their works. This began to change rapidly in the 19th century, but it is sometimes overlooked how much they accomplished and contributed. A critical evaluation of the major women novelists of the 19th century provides insight into their status and their contributions to the development of English novels.

Jane Austen was the foremost novelist during the transition from the 18th to the 19th century. While her subject matter may seem limited, Austen excelled in characterization and plot construction, infusing her novels with irony, wit, and humor.

Known as the "Stormy Sisters," the Brontë sisters introduced a romantic imagination and passion to English fiction.

Charlotte Brontë is a significant woman novelist of the Victorian Age. Her works have garnered widespread acclaim. *Jane Eyre*, her masterpiece, is partially autobiographical and revolves around the protagonist's love story.

Despite writing only one novel, Emily Brontë left an indelible mark on English literature. *Wuthering Heights* stands as a unique masterpiece, blending realism and romance while exploring the wildness of nature and the depths of human passion.

Mrs. Gaskell is considered a pioneer of the psychological novel. Her works delve into female life and psychology.

Mary Ann Evans, known by her pen name George Eliot, was a famous Victorian novelist. She enriched English novels with moral and philosophical aspects.

The topic of "Women and Society" remains complex and continues to spark discussions. Women's issues, including their position within the family and society, the concept of female emancipation, and the right to vote, hold significant importance in English literature, it offers insights into women's place in society and their contribution to social progress.