Annotated Bibliography


This book uses Feminist Theory in order to analyze the actions of several literary characters including those of Miss Emily Grierson in “A Rose for Emily.” Emily’s actions are described as a byproduct of not only the conflict between North and South but also as evidence of the patriarchal society that sought to oppress women for whom they really were. This resource may prove useful because it discusses Emily’s relationships and explains that the character’s actions are a result of the time period in which she lived.


This book examines Faulkner’s characters in relation to the culture of the American South. Though the book doesn’t provide an analysis of “A Rose for Emily,” there is quite a bit of background information on the period in which Faulkner was producing these works and the cultural influences at play during that period.


This article compares Faulkner’s “A Rose for Emily” with Marcel Proust’s work, concluding that both authors include the passage of time as a central theme in their work. If my intent is to examine the relationships that Emily had with the men in her life, there may be little in this article that could prove beneficial to my research.

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This article examines the idea that Emily Grierson’s behavior in “A Rose for Emily” is the direct result of her feelings of abandonment from her father. The author uses Freud’s Oedipus Complex, the theory that a child has sexual feelings for a parent, as evidence that Emily’s desire for Homer was no more than a displaced desire for her father’s attention. This article’s use of Psychoanalytic Theory is helpful in the scope of my paper because it provides valuable literary criticism on my topic. It is also helpful because by examining the relationship between Emily and Homer through the lens of mental illness, this article will help to prove my interpretation that their relationship was not a healthy love affair and was thus doomed to failure.


This book includes a chapter with discussion of “A Rose for Emily.” The primary discussion is focused on Emily’s social status in the town, and the way she is perceived by members of her community. The book may help to support my topic, as this particular chapter outlines her relationships with the people in her life.