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Abstract

In Herman Melville's "Billy Budd" and "Bartleby, the Scrivener" individuals are interpellated because of the Capitalist ideology. Bartleby becomes alienated because Capitalist society limits him to the particular definition of subject; the materialist ideology prevalent in the society does not provide him any way to exist. Billy, the victimized character has ideological and familial victimization, which is the domination of the Capitalist ideology. Loss of job, cut throat competition between the working class people, material-oriented system of capitalism, familial alienation, financial condition, educational domination and so on are the causes of their victimization. These novellas are concerned with the rule of law and with the particular circumstances of individual life. Melville through these novellas shows the hardship faced by the working class in capitalist society claiming that all their behavior are guided by the ethics of the same as they are the product of the capitalist society and its system.

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