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Abstract

William Styron's novel *Sophie's Choice* is epitomization of the atrocity, horror and suffering experienced by the principal female character in different locations of the world- Nazi Concentration Camp, Poland War and American South. Because of the memory of the inhumanity and brutality as well as agony she faced in the past, she becomes traumatized in that the reverberated pathetic experience causes her mental injury. Presenting the protagonist Sophie's traumatic experience as that of Jews, Styron in this novel, examines the agony of scarred and victimized holocaust survivor Sophie, who ultimately commits suicide.

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