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Abstract

Jack Kerouac's novel *On the Road* and Allen Ginsberg's poem *Howl* represent the spirit against postwar American capitalism. Both writers have tried to destabilize the capitalistic culture. America through its capitalistic system dominated all other values imposing its own capitalistic interests. Capitalism in America valued only money and material possession. This dehumanized the common people and degraded their spiritual values. These writings have made an effort to bring spiritual oriented culture in opposition to capitalistic norms and values. So, the present thesis tries to study the spiritual lack in postwar American world and its fulfillment.

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