

Doctor Faustus

Marlowian Tragedy

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What is Tragedy

- Greek tragedy
- Shakespearean Tragedy
- Marlowian Tragedy
- Doctor Faustus is a Romantic tragedy as it breaks the set rules of the Greek tragedy

Faustus as a Tragic Hero

- Low Profile
- Coming from very poor family
- Profession as a Doctor
- Master of all knowledge between two poles
- Dissatisfied
- The journey of Faustus is from nothingness to have something unattainable

Doctor Faustus

- Goes for Necromancy and masters it
- Desires to be Omniscient and omnipotent
- Mephistophilis enters and tempts Faustus
- Signs contract with his blood and says happily –

*As there be many souls I would give it to
Mephistophilis*

Doctor Faustus

- ❖ Conflict with good angel and bad angel
- ❖ Conflict with The Old man
- ❖ Faustus falls
- ❖ Gratification through Helen
- ❖ “Was this the face that launched a thousand ships burnt, a topless tower of Illium....O Helen Make me immortal with thy kiss”

Doctor Faustus

- ✓ Faustus contract is about to be over
- ✓ Faustus repents and begs for mercy, but helpless and he is torn to pieces and taken away
- ✓ Faustus dies and he is carried off to hell to spend eternity separated from God.

Message

Marlow through the fall of Faustus shares a message that

“Cut is the branch that might have grown full straight, And burned is Apollo’s laurel bough, that sometime grew within this learned man”