

Douglass (2)

THE CONSTRUCTION OF CATEGORIES (ALSO, QUOTATION)

“Other lessons were impressed upon me even more deeply. I heard of the difference of sexes; of the birth and growth of children; how the father doated on the smiles of the infant, and the lively sallies of the older child; how all the life and cares of the mother were wrapped up in the precious charge; how the mind of youth expanded and gained knowledge; of brother, sister, and all the various relationships which bind one human being to another in mutual bonds.” (Shelley, 97)

GENRE

Genre, we might say, is a set of conventional and highly organised constraints on the production and interpretation of meaning. (Frow, 10)

- 1.2.3 The genres of fiction are many, and they vary from place to place and time to time. The prototypical fictional genres in literature in English in the last 200 years are prose narrative genres like the novel and the short story.
 - 1.2.3.1 Genre plays a role in every instance of the production and use of texts.
 - 1.2.3.2 Genres always have formal, thematic, and rhetorical dimensions.
- 1.3 All the components of narrative—including plots, characters, narrators, narratees, settings, points of view, and so on—are realized in, and constrained by, the characteristics of genre and medium.

MORE DATES (REDUX)

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| 1775 | Jane Austen born |
| 1789 | French revolution |
| 1797 | Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley born |
| 1798 | Napoleon invades Egypt |
| 1804 | Haitian independence |
| 1816 | <i>Northanger Abbey</i> published |
| 1817 | Austen dies |
| 1818 | <i>Frankenstein</i> published |
| 1818 | Frederick Douglass born |
| 1831 | <i>Frankenstein</i> , rev. ed. |
| 1833 | Slavery Abolition Act: gradual abolition in the British Empire |
| 1845 | Douglass's <i>Narrative</i> published |
| 1846 | Douglass's freedom purchased from Hugh Auld |
| 1851 | Shelley dies |
| 1855 | Douglass, <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i> |
| 1861 | Emancipation of Russian serfs |
| 1865 | Thirteenth Amendment ratified |
| 1881 | Douglass, <i>Life and Times</i> |
| 1888 | Slavery abolished in Brazil |
| 1895 | Douglass dies |
