Critique of Novel

SUMMARY

Hunger of Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez can be said to be a masterpiece that analyzed the different aspects of life through literature. The book spread a strong message to the reader by providing a platform of self-examination and evaluation of what is importance in life. The book focuses on the struggles of Richard Rodriguez as he tries to escape reality and appreciate his originality. From the very basic step of failing to accept his originality, the book builds and analyzes more challenging social, cultural and political aspects of the human life.

Richard Rodriguez, being a Chicano, has proved to the world that he can achieve success with the help of his intellectuality and education. The purpose of this book was to make people understand the important problem of social inequality, where people of less respected races are discriminated by the middle-class Americans. The importance of education is really the key idea that Rodriguez develops. Value of literacy is very high in the contemporary world, and if a person is not educated, he/she is destined to be a working class. It does not matter what nationality a person has. What matters is his or her level of intelligence and individual self-identity.

In conclusion, it can be said that Hunger of Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez is a story about the education that life gives us every day, about the wisdom that we acquire with years, and about the inevitable disappointment that we come to in the end if we despise who we are from our originality.