

THEME OF PROTEST IN TONI MORRISON'S *THE BLUEST EYE*

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ABSTRACT

Racism involves the belief in racial differences, which acts as a justification for non- equal treatment of members of the race. The term is commonly used negatively and is usually associated with race – based prejudice. Racism is usually defined as views, practices and actions reflecting the belief that humanity is divided into distinct biological groups called races and that members of a certain race share certain attributes which make that group as a whole less desirable, more desirable, inferior or superior. In *The Bluest Eye* Toni Morrison, the novelist has created a racialized community. She has created a dualistic tale of the oppressors and the oppressed. The novel exposed or illustrates how the racism which exists within the African American community can be seen as an effect of the oppression and racism its members have been subjected to by the Whites and their protest against it.

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