The Censorship of Francoism in Theatre by Antonio Buero Vallejo

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Era of Franco
- Censorship in Spain
- Antonio Buero-Vallejo’s literature
- Conclusion
Why are we choosing this topic?
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

▸ Who was Franco? How did he came into power?
▸ What were the laws of censorship, and how did it affect literature, art, freedom of speech, etc.?
▸ Who was Antonio Buero-Vallejo? How did the censorship and laws affect the writer’s works?
Who was Francisco Franco?
FRANCISCO FRANCO

- Spanish General, 1939-1975
- Born in Dec. 4, 1892
- El Ferrol, Spain
- Graduated at Infantry Academy
- Volunteered in Moroccan war
- Youngest General in Europe
How did the lives of Spaniards change when Franco came into power?
Era of Franco

FRANCOIST REPRESSION

- Favor in monarchy institution
- Executed or imprisoned
- Banned some languages
THE LOST CHILDREN

- The children were being abducted
- Brainwashed and raised with political system of Franco
- Estimated number was 300,000
CENSORSHIP IN SPAIN

- People did not have Freedom of Speech
- Press, literature, and cinema was heavily censored
- All works needed to pass through the censor before publication
Political and cultural liberalism was forbidden
Translations
Self-Censorship
Omitted information
Group of Spanish artists, poets, and playwrights during the Spanish Civil War.

- Existentialism
- Liberalism, Socialism/Anti-Fascism
Who was Antonio Buero-Vallejo?
ANTONIO BUERO-VALLEJO

- Most important dramatist of the Spanish Civil War
- Use of symbolism, metaphors and parody
- Won *National Theatre, National Literature, and Miguel de Cervantes Prize*
Why was Buero-Vallejo arrested? Why was he released?
Published in 1958.
Re-creation of Motin de Esquilache
Terminology -1700 Spain
Use of metaphors
Moral of story-relationship between leaders and their people
IN THE BURNING DARKNESS

- Published in 1947.
- Liberal point of view
- Moral: Facing the reality of life’s situations
- Opposing elements/characters
Conclusion
Thank you!

Look Ma, We made it!
Road trip!!

WE Survived!! 😊