Landscape and storytelling in Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

A Study Guide for Leslie Silko's "Ceremony"

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The stolen land will eat their hearts - Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony from an environmental perspective

An exceptional novel a cause for celebration! Washington Post ‘The most accomplished Native American writer of her generation’ The New York Times Book Review Tayo, a young Second World War veteran of mixed ancestry, is coming home. But, returning to the Laguna Pueblo Reservation, he finds himself scarred by his experiences as a prisoner of war, and further wounded by the rejection he finds among his own people. Only by rediscovering the traditions, stories and ceremonies of his ancestors can he start to heal, and find peace. ‘Ceremony is the greatest novel in Native American literature. It is one of the greatest novels of any time and place’ Sherman Alexie

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Tradition and Renewal in Leslie Marmon Silko’s “Ceremony"

Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 3.0, University of Rostock (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Worlly and Imaginary Spaces in American Transcultural Literature, language: English, abstract: In our life everybody asks himself: Who am I? The answers to that question generate everyone’s self-perception which will be always part of one’s identity. The latter is one of the major themes appealing in Leslie Marmon Silko’s “Ceremony” and this seminar paper will focus on the two characters Tayo and Rocky. They show the problems occurring for persons that are “caught between two worlds”. Tayo feels ashamed of himself because of his white ancestry. His cousin Rocky, on the other hand, is a full-blood Indian, but does everything to be a part of the “white world”. Both are somehow caught in the middle because of living in-between. Tayo first part of the paper will focus on demonstrating the development of these two major characters in Ceremony. It is an important section because “[i]n essence, the individual’s actions and character define his identity” (Lenk & Townes 2009: 127). Therefore, to analyze Tayo’s and Rocky’s identity or search for it, one has to examine their life career and relations with the other persons because “[i]n essence, the individual’s identity is also influenced by others recognition of that identity” (Lenk & Townes 2009: 127). This seminar paper will also focus on the similarities and distinctions between the two characters including the associated term hybridity, for example. The reasons for the accurate analysis of Tayo’s and Rocky’s characteristics by comparison are their different philosophy of life and searching for identity. Living in a reservation unloads a unique way of life which differs from the lifestyle of the White’s. Therefore, it creates further hurdles for Tayo and Rocky, but “[this] search for identity [...] is a social as well as an individual problem. The kind of answers one gives to the question Who am I? depends in part upon how one answers the question What is this society? - and this world - in which we live?” (Lynn 1999: 14)? One has to be able to define his position in the world. This is why this topic also represents a problem of today’s people. There are still humans that are caught between two worlds because they are of mixed descend and were unsuccessful in the search for the sense of belonging. The reason are the same like 50 years ago.

Der mythische Bedeutungsrahmen in Leslie Silkos ‘Ceremony’

Now back in print—a classic work of Native American literature by the bestselling author of Ceremony Leslie Marmon Silko's groundbreaking book Storyteller, first published in 1981, blends original short stories and poetry influenced by the traditional oral tales that she heard growing up on the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico with autobiographical passages, folktales, family memories, and photographs. As she mixes traditional and Western literary genres, Silko examines themes of memory, alienation, power, and identity; communicates Native American notions regarding time, nature, and spirituality; and explores how stories and storytelling shape people and communities. Storyteller illustrates how one can frame collective cultural identity in contemporary literary forms, as well as illuminates the importance of myth, oral tradition, and ritual in Silko’s own work. This edition introduces a new introduction by Silko and previously unpublished photographs.

Leslie Marmon Silko

The issue of living in-between worlds in Leslie Marmon Silko’s "Ceremony" and "Yellow woman"

Gale Researcher Guide for: Leslie Marmon Silko and the Novel as Testimony

Storytelling in Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly

Oral Tradition Within Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1.7, University of Munster (Englisches Seminar), course: Contemporary American and Canadian Fiction, 23 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Oral storytelling is a tradition inherent to all cultures. By definition, its genre is determined by its original oral transmission; many of the world's greatest literary classics such as El Cid, La Chanson de Roland, Beowulf or the Odyssey were originally orally transmitted. In most cases the author is unknown and the story has undergone many modifications in the course of the telling processes; still they are today's primary testamories for language, history, culture and people of the past. In this paper, a definition of oral storytelling will be provided along with an introduction in order to define the subject matter as well as the significance of putting oral storytelling into writing as Silko did in Ceremony. Leslie Marmon Silko was brought up in the Laguna Pueblo community in New Mexico, a Native American tribe where storytelling plays an important cultural role. For Silko, the process of writing her novel Ceremony was not only a way of staying sane - as she states herself - but also to identify with her Native American origins. In this novel, she points out the opposition between the Native stories about reciprocity with nature and Euro-American stories of dominion. This confrontation is a conflict of two paradigms reflecting the protagonist's, Tayo's, inner state of mind; he has to reconstruct stories to reestablish an agreement with both cultures - for himself. The main focus will therefore be on the forms and functions of storytelling in the novel itself. Hereby, crucial aspects revolving around the cultural differences between Native American and Euro-American culture, the clash of cultures and both sides' impact on the individual will be in the center of discussion. The conclusion summarizes the paper's


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Seminar paper from the year 2003 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1.3 (A), Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald (Institute for Anglistics/American Studies), language: English, comment: Doppelter Zeilenabstand., abstract: Although Leslie Marmon Silko's complete works have received exemplary reviews, Ceremony seems to be the most talked about and recognized for its literary achievement. One reason for this large attention is the strange narrative form due to the combination of the Indian "storytelling," myth, poetry and a plot that takes place in a modern western1 environment. Another reason for the remarkable success of this novel is Silko's way to show the negative repercussions on Native Americans caused by racism, alcoholism, dislocation, poverty as well as the industrial exploitation of the land. In this paper I will discuss one of the principal themes presented in Leslie Silko's Ceremony: the issue of Native American identity. In the first part I will briefly introduce the characters of Tayo and Rocky, two Native Americans who grew up on a reservation for the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico. After that I will examine the similarities between these two young men who both take part in the Second World War and make horrible experiences. In the main part of this paper I will try to find out the differences between Tayo and Rocky in order to explain their different ways of searching their own identity. Furthermore I will explore the sources of Tayo's selfdestructive behaviour and his problem of alienation. Therefore I will have to ponder on the following questions: How does the white culture influence these characters? Do both men suffer from the loss of Indian self-esteem? What are the effects of internalized racism and colonization on the health of Tayo? Why is Tayo able to return to the community to lead a stable and productive life? In the final comment there will be a concluding assessment and a summary of the theme.

Mündlichkeit, Moderne, Markt als Faktoren literarischer Interkulturalität

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Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

One Navajo family, on a New Mexico reservation, struggles to survive in a world no longer theirs in the years just before and after World War II

Teaching Leslie Marmon Silkos Novel Ceremony

Storyteller

Leslie Marmon Silko

Humans and Nature in Leslie Marmon Silko's "Ceremony"

Offers insight into the author's life through her own words, providing information on her life in Albuquerque and her experiences as a women of mixed ancestry.

NOVELS FOR STUDENTS

Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony, the most important novel of the Native American Renaissance, is among the most most widely taught and studied novels in higher education today. In it, Silko recounts a young man's search for consolation in his tribe's history and traditions, and his resulting voyage of self-discovery and discovery of the world. The fourteen essays in this casebook include a variety of theoretical approaches and provide the reader with crucial information, especially on Native American beliefs, that will enhance their understanding and appreciation of this contemporary classic. The collection also includes two interviews with Silko in which she explains the importance of the oral tradition and storytelling, along with autobiographical basis of the novel.

Caught between two worlds. Identity in Leslie Marmon Silko’s "Ceremony"
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The Twentieth-Century American Fiction Handbook

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2.3, University of Heidelberg, 7 Literaturquellen entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Leslie Marmon Silko's novel Ceremony is not only about Native American culture, it is also about the environment and how different ethnic groups deal with it. Even though they do not intervene in the story's course, animals (except the cattle Tayo has to find), plants and last but not least the 'land' (as a term for all more or less 'dead' things in nature, like stones, e.g.) play a crucial role in this piece of fiction. This essay will take a look at the novel from an environmentalist perspective in order to show how nature is treated here by the humans and which effects are caused by this. It will also examine how this plays a role in Tayo's personal fate. In the case of Ceremony environmentalism is also humanism. Aboriginal peoples are very often connected with their land and everything in and on it in a way which is quite different from the European U.S. American way of living. Every harm done to 'their' land hurts them very much. This is also shown in Silko's novel and therefore will be taken as a theme in this essay. In a Native American culture as the Laguna Pueblo's reality, dream and belief often become mixed. Therefore it will sometimes be necessary here to go beyond the actual events and get involved in what could be called 'religion' (even though the focus will mostly be on what really 'happens'), as it is meant here are mainly the stories which are scattered throughout the book. These stories represent traditional Laguna beliefs (the stories themselves reproduced in Silko's literary modification) and offer a view on nature that is based on harmony and a peaceful living together. But first this essay will deal with the bad things committed towards the land, because this way the contrast to the positive actions and interactions with nature that form the second part will be as sharp as it should be seen. As a last part will serve what can be considered the 'environmentalist boiling-point' of the book, the part in which the Native American ecocatastrophe is lifted on a global level.

Conversations with Leslie Marmon Silko

Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony: The Recovery of Tradition is a study of the embedded texts that function as the formal and thematic backbone of Leslie Marmon Silko’s 1977 novel. Robert M. Nelson identifies the Keresan and Navajo ethnographic pretexts that Silko reappropriates and analyzes the many ways these texts relate to the surrounding prose narrative.

Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony

Essay from the year 2011 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 1.5, University of Stuttgart, language: English, abstract: Leslie Marmon Silko, a Native American writer, grew up at the edge of the Laguna Pueblo Reservation, New Mexico, USA. Because of her mixed origins and for the fact that she was not living directly in the reservation and therefore in the pueblo society, she was not allowed to attend several rituals. Silko's roots are Native American, Anglo American and Mexican American but she was raised and educated by her grandmother and aunts with the traditional Laguna stories. This led to a strong identification of her with the native part of her ancestry and to her writing, which always deals with Native American topics. Her writing includes autobiographical parts and lots of relations to tradition which only a member of this particular native tribe could describe as precisely as she does. In Ceremony, her highly regarded 1977 novel, these traditional relations seem to play an important role. The following essay will show how the importance of tradition for the Native American communities is expressed in the novel, and how it is responsible for the healing of the main protagonists illness.

Living In-between: The Search for Identity in Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 3.0, University of Rostock (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Worldly and Imaginary Spaces in American Transcultural Literature, language: English, abstract: In the life story Leslie talks about himself: Who am I? The answers to that question generate everyone's self-perception which will always be part of one's identity. The latter is one of the major themes appealing in Leslie Marmon Silko's ‘Ceremony’ and this seminar paper will focus on the two characters Tayo and Rocky. They show the problems occurring for persons that are 'caught between two worlds.' Tayo feels ashamed of himself because of his white ancestry. His cousin Rocky, on the other hand, is a full-blood Indian, but does everything to be a part of the 'white world.' Both are somehow caught in the middle because of living in between. The first part of the paper will focus on demonstrating the development of these two major characters in Ceremony. It is an important section because '[i]n essence, the individual's actions and character define his identity' (Jenlink & Townes 2009: 127). Therefore, to analyze Tayo's and Rocky's identity or search for it, one has to examine their life career and relations with other persons because '[j]erson's identity is [also] influenced by others recognition of that identity' ([j]enlink & Townes 2009: 127). This seminar paper will also focus on the similarities and distinctions between the two mentioned characters and the topic identity including the associated term hybridity, for example. The reasons for the accurate analysis of Tayo's and Rocky's characteristics by comparison are their different philosophical of life and searching for identity. Living in a reservation unifies a unique way of life which differs from the lifestyle of the White's. Therefore, it creates further hurdles for Tayo and Rocky, but '[this] search for identity [...] is a social as we

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Möglichkeit, Moderno, Markt als Faktoren literarischer Interkulturalität? Leslie Marmons Silkos "Ceremony"

On a New Mexico reservation, one Navajo family— including Tayo, a World War II veteran deeply scarred by his experiences as a Japanese POW and by the rejection of his own people—struggles to survive in a world no longer theirs in the years just before and after World War II. Reader's Guide available. Reissue. 30,000 first printing.

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