

National Taiwan University
Graduate Institute of Foreign Languages and Literatures
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Subject: American Literature (40%)

The American southern plantation with the grandeur of the luxurious living of the white landowners, like the reminiscence of an antebellum genteel time, tells only half of the story. The residents of the south were caught in competing and evolving modes of world order that enslaved the blacks and suppressed their woeful cries. The atrocities of slavery are slowly yet tenaciously inscribed into the dark side of history. The cultural memory of the southern plantation is full of the repression of the trauma of displacement and inadequacy. Compare and contrast two American authors and their works to illustrate their sides of the story of the southern plantation.