

Chapter 1 : NPR Choice page

*The Poor Relation hotel is the toast of London, its guests are paying hard cash, and its owners are preparing to sell up and return to a life of quality. But one last romantic adventure awaits them. Lady Fortescue and her friends, newly attired in silk and lace, must rescue yet another poor relation.*

As the title of the essay indicates, the subject is poor relations, by which Charles Lamb means relatives with very little money. They were common in early 19th century England because society favored the accumulation of wealth into a few hands. It is beyond the scope of an eNote answer to explicate an essay of this length line by line, but I will provide an overview, and please feel free to ask more questions. For example, the laws of primogeniture ensured that great estates were inherited in their entirety by the eldest son, rather than divided among the children. This kept the estates intact and maintained the family prestige. What kept wealth concentrated in a few hands the good fortune of eldest sons tended to leave other relatives in more precarious situations that could lead to poverty, especially given the lack of a social safety net in that period. Then, as now, having the poor relation show up for dinner could be embarrassing if you have seen the movie National Lampoon Vacation, you will remember the comic problems that arise when poor, uneducated relations show up, and this becomes the focus of the Lamb essay, though more poignantly than in National Lampoon: In the first paragraph, Lamb, in the guise of his narrator, Elia, lists some of the common thoughts or clichés about a poor relation, none of them flattering. In the second paragraph, Elia describes the arrival of the male poor relation, including the mutual embarrassment: He, of course, shows up at dinnertime, then has to be persuaded to eat the food he is hungry for, even if there is none too much "the turbot Lamb lays out the whole embarrassing scene: He declareth against fish, the turbot being small "yet suffereth himself to be importuned [persuaded] into [taking] a slice against his first resolution. He sticketh by the port "yet will be prevailed upon to empty the remainder glass of claret, if a stranger press it upon him. His manners how he acts are also excruciating: He brings up old family stories at the wrong moment is "unseasonable" and his conversation and compliments irritate they are a "trouble" and "perverse": Elia then moves to the female poor relation. But in the indications of female poverty there can be no disguise. No woman dresses below herself from caprice. The truth must out without shuffling. Her clothes are between those of gentlewoman and a beggar, presumably meaning once well made, stylish clothes of good fabric now worn, outdated and patched. But even worse are her manners. She is too humble, too self-aware of being a poor relation, too abject, and people hold her in contempt: In the next paragraph, Lamb first mentions a Richard Amlet, a poor gamester or gambler in a play called "The Confederacy" by Sir John Vanburgh, then moves to a friend, who was the son of a house painter. The difference between "gown and town" or academics and life in a shop, was too great for this young man, who instead joined the army and was killed in Portugal. Elia goes on to say in the next paragraph that while he started off his essay half comically, the subject of poor relations is also painful and tragic. Billet, for you do not get pudding every day. But Elia allows the poor relation to land on a note of dignity, for this elderly man dies poor, but with five pounds to his name: Overall, the essay is notable for dealing honestly with an uncomfortable subject.

### Chapter 2 : Poor and Rich - The Facts | New Internationalist

*While considering offers to sell The Poor Relation Hotel, the hotel inhabitants come to the aid of their newest guest, the recently widowed Lady Jane Fremney, rescuing her from bankruptcy and a failed suicide attempt by trying to find her a new husband.*

Poor and Rich - The Facts share article: Measuring poverty is always a problem, especially if you recognize that just using money is not enough. There are a number of new measurements emerging, like the Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare. This is ranked according to three main areas of deprivation: The higher the percentage figure, the greater the poverty in that country. In Switzerland was 52 times richer than Mozambique; in , it was times richer. Two hundred and fifty years ago, the richest countries were only five times richer than the poorest, and Europe only twice as rich as China or India. More than a thousand million people still live in poverty, a tenth of them in the industrialized world. Since child-death rates have been halved and malnutrition has declined by a third. Developing countries have covered as much distance in human development during the past 30 years as the industrial world managed in over So the rich have bigger houses, gardens and physical space, but they also have greater access to a wider range of resources – schools, shops, banks, health services, for example. A rich community may have many doctors or schools or shops to choose from – a poor one just one of each. But the latter can increase its space by having a place to meet or by setting up its own credit union or other social group. Only the Netherlands and Sweden currently meet this target and the US aid budget is the lowest of all. Overall, aid is 0. If it had stayed at its level of 0. The average protein consumption is grams a day in France but only 32 grams in Mozambique. And the less money you have, the greater proportion you must spend on food rather than health or education. This article is from the March issue of New Internationalist. You can access the entire archive of over issues with a digital subscription. Please support us with a small recurring donation so we can keep it free to read online.

**Chapter 3 : Back in Society (Poor Relation, book 6) by Marion Chesney**

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Elite , Aristocracy , Oligarchy , and Ruling class A symbolic image of three orders of feudal society in Europe prior to the French Revolution , which shows the rural third estate carrying the clergy and the nobility The upper class [25] is the social class composed of those who are rich , well-born, powerful, or a combination of those. They usually wield the greatest political power. In some countries, wealth alone is sufficient to allow entry into the upper class. In others, only people who are born or marry into certain aristocratic bloodlines are considered members of the upper class and those who gain great wealth through commercial activity are looked down upon by the aristocracy as nouveau riche. Many aristocratic peerages or titles have seats attached to them, with the holder of the title e. Earl of Bristol and his family being the custodians of the house, but not the owners. Many of these require high expenditures, so wealth is typically needed. Many aristocratic peerages and their homes are parts of estates, owned and run by the title holder with moneys generated by the land, rents or other sources of wealth. However, in the United States where there is no aristocracy or royalty, the upper class status belongs to the extremely wealthy, the so-called "super-rich", though there is some tendency even in the United States for those with old family wealth to look down on those who have earned their money in business, the struggle between New Money and Old Money. The upper class is generally contained within the richest one or two percent of the population. Members of the upper class are often born into it and are distinguished by immense wealth which is passed from generation to generation in the form of estates. Middle class , Upper middle class , Lower middle class , and Bourgeoisie The middle class is the most contested of the three categories, the broad group of people in contemporary society who fall socio-economically between the lower and upper classes. Middle-class workers are sometimes called " white-collar workers ". Theorists such as Ralf Dahrendorf have noted the tendency toward an enlarged middle class in modern Western societies, particularly in relation to the necessity of an educated work force in technological economies. Precarity Lower class occasionally described as working class are those employed in low-paying wage jobs with very little economic security. The term "lower class" also refers to persons with low income. The latter is analogous to the Marxist term " lumpenproletariat ". It can impact the schools they are able to attend, their health, the jobs open to them, who they may marry and their treatment by police and the courts. There has been a growing number of suicides and deaths by substance abuse in this particular group of middle-class Americans. This group also has been recorded to have an increase in reports of chronic pain and poor general health. Deaton and Case came to the conclusion from these observation that because of the constant stress that these white, middle aged Americans feel fighting poverty and wavering between the lower and working class, these strains have taken a toll on these people and affected their whole bodies. It is suggested that those of an upper social class are more likely to take part in sporting activities, whereas those of a lower social background are less likely to participate in sport. However, upper-class people tend to not take part in certain sports that have been commonly known to be linked with the lower class. Not only are upper-class parents able to send their children to exclusive schools that are perceived to be better, but in many places state-supported schools for children of the upper class are of a much higher quality than those the state provides for children of the lower classes. In , British cultural theorist Paul Willis published a study titled "Learning to Labour" in which he investigated the connection between social class and education. In his study, he found that a group of working-class schoolchildren had developed an antipathy towards the acquisition of knowledge as being outside their class and therefore undesirable, perpetuating their presence in the working class. Lower-class families have higher rates of infant mortality , cancer , cardiovascular disease and disabling physical injuries. Additionally, poor people tend to work in much more hazardous conditions, yet generally have much less if any health insurance provided for them, as compared to middle- and upper-class workers. Those in the upper-middle class and middle class enjoy greater freedoms in their occupations. They are usually more respected, enjoy more diversity and are able to exhibit some authority. The physical conditions

of the workplace differ greatly between classes. While middle-class workers may "suffer alienating conditions" or "lack of job satisfaction", blue-collar workers are more apt to suffer alienating, often routine, work with obvious physical health hazards, injury and even death. This is due to the fact that those from wealthier backgrounds have more opportunities available to them. Class conflict Class conflict, frequently referred to as "class warfare" or "class struggle", is the tension or antagonism which exists in society due to competing socioeconomic interests and desires between people of different classes. For Marx, the history of class society was a history of class conflict. He pointed to the successful rise of the bourgeoisie and the necessity of revolutionary violence "a heightened form of class conflict" in securing the bourgeoisie rights that supported the capitalist economy. Marx believed that the exploitation and poverty inherent in capitalism were a pre-existing form of class conflict. Marx believed that wage labourers would need to revolt to bring about a more equitable distribution of wealth and political power. Classless society "Classless society" refers to a society in which no one is born into a social class. Distinctions of wealth, income, education, culture or social network might arise and would only be determined by individual experience and achievement in such a society. Relationship between ethnicity and class[ edit ] Equestrian portrait of Empress Elizabeth of Russia with a Moor servant Race and other large-scale groupings can also influence class standing. The association of particular ethnic groups with class statuses is common in many societies. As a result of conquest or internal ethnic differentiation, a ruling class is often ethnically homogenous and particular races or ethnic groups in some societies are legally or customarily restricted to occupying particular class positions. Which ethnicities are considered as belonging to high or low classes varies from society to society. In modern societies, strict legal links between ethnicity and class have been drawn, such as in apartheid, the caste system in Africa, the position of the Burakumin in Japanese society and the casta system in Latin America.

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*Back in Society The Poor Relation #6 Marion Chesney. Featuring several old series hands--blustery and sarcastic Sir Philip, the still unmarried Miss Tonks and Lady.*

In addition to this, the book was in a clearance pile in a second-hand bookstore, so I grabbed it without a second thought, knowing nothing about the author and never having heard of it before. When I got home I opened to read a page, just to see if I liked the writing style. This particular book is a standalone, but The best thing happened to me the other day! Here is the description: The Poor Relation hotel is the toast of London and its owners are preparing to sell up and retire - but one last romantic adventure awaits them! Driven into hiding at the hotel by a tyrannous father and a rich but wizened suitor, Lady Jane Fremney attempts to end her life. The poor relations save the young lady and determine to improve her lot in life by bringing her out for the Season. So, right off the bat, I was hooked. A wealthy lady, running away, almost committed suicide, plus a hotel founded by a bunch of ex-poor relations There was an unexpected depth to the story, dealing with issues of depression, loneliness and despair. It just warmed my heart. There is of course the scoundel who ends up reformed -or does he? I was cheering her on like crazy. There are a few side stories taking place, a hilarious deception from a girl who is in love with a gent who in turn is in love with a married woman. But most of all, there is an overall feeling of goodness and kindness and good humor. This book was a delight from start to end. It made me laugh, cry, almost have a panick attack. Of course I sort of hoped it would go on forever, but after finishing it, I went online and found that M. Beaton has written, like, a billion Regencies. I can honestly say that discovering this book, and this author, was the best kind of gift. If you are like me, and need some more Regency in your life of the best sort , go grab as many of these as you can. I know I will.

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