



OF PROVOCATION

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ABSTRACT:

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather reveals, so this style of writing bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. The present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the readers in general. As you may know Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays and notably, "Of Love", "Of Friendship", "Of Ambition", "Of Studies", etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation i.e., his unique style kindled the imagination already in me and encouraged me as well to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

ARTICLE

Provoke is to make a person or an animal angry or annoyed. It is the action of making somebody angry by deliberately doing something annoying or offensive. It is to cause a particular reaction in somebody.

Provoke is to rouse or incite e.g. provoked him to fury. It is to annoy, irritate. It is to call forth. It is to instigate indignation, an inquiry, a storm, etc. It is to irritate or stimulate a person. It is to tempt. It is to allure. It is to cause, give rise to e.g. will provoke fermentation.

Provoke is to anger, exasperate, or vex. It is to stir up, arouse, or call forth feelings, desires, or activity. It is to incite or stimulate to action. It is to induce or bring about. It is to summon, now obsolete.

Provoke is to excite to some action or feeling. It is to anger,

irritate, or annoy. It is to evoke e.g. to provoke a laughter/riots/smiles/violence. It is to call out, challenge now obsolete. It is to excite with anger or sexual desire.

Provocative is tending, or designed, to provoke or excite anything that provokes. It is a thing tending to cause provocation of curiosity, anger, lust, etc. It is provoking or tending to provoke, as to action, thought, feeling, etc. It is stimulating, erotic, irritating, etc.

Provocative is tending to provoke, especially, anger or sexual desire. It is intentionally annoying e.g. a provocative thing; a provocative comment/remark/speech. It is intended to make somebody sexually excited or interested e.g. make a provocative gesture. She was dressed to look provocative.

Provocation is the act or an instance of provoking. It is a state of being provoked e.g. did it under severe provocation. It is a cause of annoyance. Legally, it is an action, insult, etc. held to be likely to provoke physical retaliation.

Provocation is something that provokes. It is, especially, a cause of resentment or irritation. It is any cause of danger. It is something that incites, instigates, angers, or irritates e.g. downs tools at or on the slightest provocation.

Provoking is that provokes, especially, annoying or vexing.

Provoke somebody into doing something/to do something is to make somebody do something by continually annoying them or treating them in a certain way.

Provoker is one to evoke. It reminds past days. It causes to enjoy nostalgia.

Provocateur is one who provokes unrest and dissatisfaction for political ends.

Provoke, excite, stimulate, pique are synonymous.

Provoke implies rather generally an arousing to some action or feeling e.g. thought provoking. Excite suggests a

more powerful or profound stirring or moving of the thoughts or emotions e.g. it excites my imagination. Stimulate implies an arousing as if by goading or pricking and, hence, often connotes a bringing out of a state of inactivity or indifference e.g. to stimulate one's enthusiasm. Pique suggests a stimulating as if by irritating mildly e.g. to pique one's curiosity.

Annoy, aggravate, infuriate, irritate are synonyms of provoke.

Calm and propitiate are antonyms of provoke.

Provocation is a nasty game. It is derogatory in nature. It is the tool of idle brains for gaining profit. It is the dirty business of the dirty people. It discloses true identity of the shrewd person thus involved.

Man provokes. He has to provoke. He is bound to provoke. Similarly, man is provoked. He is bound to be provoked. In this regard he is quite undone except experiencing self-provocation quite helplessly. Thus man willy-nilly faces provocations infinite times from cradle to coffin in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions along with various faces and facets as well.

For Example: I am not easily provoked, but his behavior is intolerable. If you provoke the dog, it will attack you. His selfish behavior finally provoked her into leaving him. He was provoked by their repeated questioning to say more than he had intended. He reacted with violence only under provocation i.e. when provoked. She loses her temper at/on the slightest provocation. The police remained calm in the face of repeated provocations. Ignore him – he is just being provocative. His speech provoked an angry reaction/response from the crowd. It is very provoking of her to be so late. In assaulting him he had acted under severe provocation. The abuses were enough provocation for the reprisal. She looked provocative in that mini-skirt. Even tame buffaloes can be dangerous when provoked. Her insulting remarks provoked me to dismiss her. The comment provoked a roar of laughter. The new legislation nearly provoked a riot.

Man becomes the prey of provocation for gaining profit. Instant profit allures him to provoke or to be provoked. Greed is alias and akin to sin. The wage of sin is death. A fool dies being driven by greed. As such they say look before you leap. If the profit is by way of honest means there lays no risk or problem.

There are two types of persons. The first category avoids provocation. The second category invites provocation for personal gain. It is his business. In provoked situation everybody remains tensed. But the shrewd person remains calm and performs his operation silently and successfully. He is so genius. He is such a finished scoundrel who seldom does any mistake.

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Man sometimes protests against provocation. Sometimes he remains aloof. Thus his mood and motif are gloriously so uncertain. This assumption is not correct at all. Whatever man does, he does to serve and satisfy his own interest only. This unique formula of man's nature and behaviour can explain of any action or inaction uniquely. Always protest is bad, more bad not to protest at all. Man protests thereby struggles for existence.

Provocative dress invites sexual harassment. It is quite debatable. A person may be provoked by any event. Identical event may not create any sensation equally or create no pulse at all to another one. It depends on taste and temperament of the concerned person. It depends more on the culture as well. What is accepted or quite normal in a culture is totally banned in another culture due to orthodoxy. Culture offers didactic lessons to its followers. Its essence is based on moral values. It teaches etiquette.

CONCLUSION

Thought provoking is quite different from normal provocation that causes anger or annoyance or both simultaneously. It ignites imagination already in man. It gives birth to many theories or invention. It is positive in nature. It is optimist. It implies inquisitiveness. It is curiosity. It paves the avenue of advancement of civilization.

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