

**GAFUR GULAM'S LITERARY LEGACY – A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR
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Аннотация; В данной статье анализируются важные аспекты жизни и творчества Гафура Гуляма, его рассказы, стихи, повести, а также его современное значение. Широко обсуждаются истинная сущность художественных выражений писателя, его творческие достижения, биографические сведения, а также вклад в мировую и национальную литературу. В статье также раскрывается содержание его произведений, занимающих важное место в жизни писателя.

Annotation; This article analyzes the significant aspects of Gafur Gulam's life and creative work, including his stories, poems, and novellas, as well as his relevance today. It discusses the deeper meaning behind the author's literary expressions, his artistic achievements, biographical background, and his contribution to both world and national literature. The article also highlights the meaning and importance of his works that hold a special place in his creative legacy.

Ключевые слова; Гафур Гулям, жизнь и творчество, стихи, повести, рассказы, современное значение, «Время», «Соскучиться», «Озорной мальчик», «Йодгор», «Дети Феликса»,

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1. Introduction

There have been many distinguished writers who have left a lasting mark on Uzbek literature. Particularly in the 20th century, literature entered a new era thanks to talented authors whose works shaped its development. Among them, Gafur Gulam holds a prominent place as one of the most influential literary figures of his time. Born on May 10, 1903, in the Qo'rg'ontepa district of Tashkent, the future People's Poet of Uzbekistan and academician experienced a childhood overshadowed by hardship. His early years coincided with World War I (1914–1918)¹, and he lost both parents at a young age his father when he was nine and his mother at fifteen leaving him responsible for caring for his three younger sisters. Despite these difficulties, Gafur Gulam worked various jobs and later attended pedagogical courses.

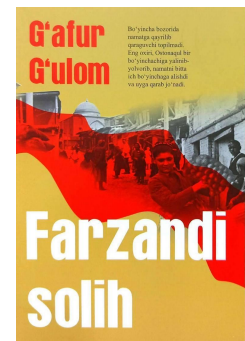
¹ Ahmedov S., Qo'chqorov R., Rizayev Sh. Adabiyot. 6-sinf uchun darslik-majmua. I qism. Toshkent: "Ma'naviyat", 2017, 25-bet.

His literary career began in 1923, when he started writing poems, stories, and epics. In his poem “Felix’s Children”, the writer reflected on his challenging youth and the difficulties of that era. The tragic events of World War II deeply affected him, inspiring heartfelt poems such as “You Are Not an Orphan”, “Time”, “There Will Be a Holiday in Our Street Too”, and “Longing.”² Through these works, he vividly portrayed the emotions and struggles of the war years in a language accessible to the people. Even after the war, Gafur Gulam continued to create prolifically and meaningfully.

2. Gafur Gulam’s literary legacy – a source of inspiration for today’s generation

Indeed, when we take a closer look at the writer’s life, we see that it contains many lessons worth learning. For example, in his 1936 novella “Yodgor,” we find numerous legal and moral concepts, as well as depictions of the lifestyle of people of that era.

The main characters of the novella include Jo’ra, Muhabbat, and an adopted child named Yodgor. Through them, the writer explores life’s difficulties, challenges, crises, and the consequences of impulsive decisions. When a person encounters hardships in life and does not know how to resolve them, the question always arises: What should one do? Literature is not merely about finishing a book; it is about understanding the message conveyed by the book. You may feel that the situations described in literature may never happen in your life, but if such a moment ever comes, you will know exactly what to do. Gafur Gulam, through his works, portrays human character, lifestyle, social issues, and problems in society, allowing us to draw valuable lessons and acquire new knowledge. In addition to his stories and novellas, his poems also hold great significance. For instance, in his 1945 poem “Time,” Gafur Gulam compares human life to fleeting moments - moments in which both joy and hardship occur. It is true that people today desire long lives, but while some live a short yet meaningful life, others live long without achieving what the former have accomplished. Ultimately, the poem emphasizes the importance of appreciating time, as it passes quickly and never returns. By reading the author’s poems, we can feel the hardships and emotions of the people of that era. In his poem “Longing,” the writer vividly expresses the inner feelings and experiences of people during wartime.



Conclusion

² Olim S., Ahmedov S., Qo’chqorov R. Adabiyot. 8-sinf uchun darslik. Toshkent: G’afur G’ulom nomidagi nashriyot-matbaa ijodiy uyi, 2019, 108-bet.



The creative legacy of academician Gafur Gulam includes many more poems, stories, and novellas through which we learn how to overcome life's challenges and understand the importance of peace in today's world. Indeed, Gafur Gulam's works truly serve as a source of inspiration for the younger generation.

Today, many people spend their precious time on meaningless activities. However, in the writer's works, time is understood through its moments, helping us realize its true value. Human life passes moment by moment, and how to live each of those moments is entirely in one's own hands.

In an age where knowledge and capability define youth, many still fail to appreciate their time and waste it on social networks. Truly, the writer's legacy is not only a scientific treasure but also a genuine source of inspiration for young people. His motivational expressions and life lessons hold essential guidance for today's generation.

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