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### "O People of the Future remember us!" A comparative study of Dekhkoda's poem "Remember!" with Brecht's "To the People of the Future"

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Abstract

Dekhkoda and Brecht, who were contemporaries of each other, despite living in two different lands, experienced the tyranny of dictators and the bitterness of exile in their lives. This similarity in their lived experience, as well as their constant struggle for freedom reflected in their poetry, has caused the themes of their two famous poems, "Remember!" and "To the People of the Future", to be similar. These poets first describe their dark times and criticize the ignorance and irresponsibility of the people, then enumerate their struggles with oppressive rulers to enlighten public opinion. Dekhkoda believes that despite the suffocating atmosphere, he and his colleagues have done their duty and in this way have even sacrificed their lives, while Brecht admits that his efforts, although small, were not enough. Both poets are confident that this dark day is coming to an end and ask the people of the future to remember them. Dekhkoda, the famous Iranian poet and writer, lived a life filled with bitter experiences, which are widely reflected in his works. He is known for his struggles for freedom and social justice. In his works, Dekhkoda harshly criticizes oppression and corruption and constantly seeks to establish justice and fairness. On the other hand, Bertolt Brecht, the German playwright and poet, gained fame for his theatrical works and poems, which reflected the social and political concerns of his time. Like Dekhkoda, Brecht fought against oppression and tyranny, urging people to wake up and fight for their freedom. The poems "Remember!" by Dekhkoda and "To the People of the Future" by Brecht both contain strong and impactful messages about the necessity of remembering the freedom fighters and enduring hard times. Each poet, in their own way, calls on the people to resist and continue the struggle for freedom. Both Dekhkoda and Brecht believed in a bright future for the people, and despite all the hardships and challenges, they kept the hope for better days alive in their hearts. They had faith in the ultimate victory of right over wrong and asked the people of the future to keep their memories and struggles alive. Their poetry not only serves as a testament to their enduring spirit and commitment to justice but also as a source of inspiration for future generations. The vivid imagery and powerful language used by Dekhkoda and Brecht paint a poignant picture of their times and the resilience required to overcome such adversities. Moreover, their works are a reminder that the fight for freedom and justice is ongoing and requires the collective effort of all individuals.

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