**Agatha Christie’s Novels Featuring Miss Marple**

Good afternoon! My name is Sirb Simina and in the next few minutes I would like to present you my paper.

I. To start with, I am going to state my reasons for choosing this topic. Firstly, I must confess that it was due to my curiosity that I started to read Agatha Christie’s novels. A few years ago, when I became more interested in literature and began to read more, I heard about Agatha Christie for the first time. People kept telling me that she was a great crime writer, that she is the best-selling author of all times and that she was entitled as “the queen of crime”. All these great titles determined me to go to the book shop and buy a novel written by this famous writer.

.. And it was then when I fell in love with Agatha’s novels. Lucky me I picked up a novel featuring the enchanting character of Miss Marple. She had me at the first page I must say. Not only was the plot very catchy, but the characters had such an amazing charm that I could not resist finishing the book in 2 days.

The last reason that determined me to choose this topic and dig deeper in Agatha Christie’s novels was, as I already mentioned, the delightful character of Miss Marple.

II. As a result of my research paper I discovered many interesting things about Agatha Christie’s life, about her works and, obviously, about Miss Marple’s character. Onwards, I am going to present you some of the facts that I have discovered and consider to be relevant for this topic.

Agatha learned to play the piano and she was about to follow a career in the music field, but she gave up because of her extreme shyness.

Another thing that proves the fact that Agatha had many talents is the fact that she qualified as a dispenser, thus acquiring her knowledge of poisons. This qualification also brought her a review in an unexpected magazine; the murder by poison was so well described in her first book that the Pharmaceutical Journal offered her a review on the novel.

Moreover, after she got married with Max Mallowan, a famous archaeologist at the time, she accompanied him on his expeditions in Turkey, Syria and Afghanistan. Her work on the archaeological digs led her to becoming an expert photographer.

Agatha Christie did not write only detective novels. She also wrote 6 romantic novels under the pseudonym of Mary Westmacott.

The last thing that I considered worth mentioning is the fact that Agatha Christie is the only crime writer that was capable to create 2 equally loved characters: Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.

III. Moving on, I will try to sum up some of her well-known novels. The first book that featured Miss Marple was published in 1932 and is entitled The Murder at the Vicarage.

Ten years later Miss Marple defended the honor of her friends, the Bantry’s, when the body of a young girl was found in their library. The book is called The Body in the Library and enregistered a great success at the time.

Agatha’s best novel of the 1960’s was again a novel featuring Miss Marple, called A Caribbean Mystery. You can find out more about this book in the third chapter of my paper.

The last novel featuring Miss Marple is entitled Sleeping murder; although it was published in 1971, Agatha Christie actually wrote it 3 decades earlier.

IV. Lastly, I would like to share with you some of Miss Marple’s characteristics that converted her in such a much-loved character.

At first sight, people would think of Miss Marple that she was what one would call ”the real stereotype of a lady”; actually, although she tried to look like a suffering mindless old spinster, Miss Marple hid funny habits under that mask. Her hobbies included knitting, gardening, gossiping and the probably the funniest of all: bird-watching. Miss Marple often used her bird-watching hobby as an excuse for observing other things than just birds. Moreover, Miss Marple had a great sense of humor revealed in her numerous dialogues with other characters.