

The University wits

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The University wits was a group of learned scholars receiving formal education from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. They learnt the basis of the composition of drama from the universities where they were taught classical form of drama. They were taught principles of three unities which were the basic features of classical drama which was initiated by Aristotle in his seminal work Poetics. But when the University wits started writing dramas, they realized that the people were fed up with these classical practices and were looking for a change to cope up with their interest. The features of classical drama did not please them properly. In order to pacify the interest of the masses, the University wits decided to give up classical form of drama and took initiative to practice Romantic drama or popular drama in which all the rules and regulations imposed during the composition of drama was completely rejected. The dramatist was at liberty to amalgamate tragic incident with the elements of Romantic drama to make it more pleasant.