

Moliere's tartuffe and rousseau's confessions

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Each character is guilty of stealing something for their personal gain.

However, when analyzing their actions of theft, there is clear evidence of contrast. In "Confessions" Rousseau is a mere child and steals Males ribbons simply because she is the first name that floats into his head. When asked how he got the ribbon, Rousseau blames the cook. "They inquired how I got hold of it. I grew confused, stammered, and said with a blush it was Maroon. The fact that Rousseau is a child and demonstrates when he is scared when asked about the ribbon helps lessen the severity of the crime and helps ease the burden for future forgiveness. This greatly contrasts from Tartuffe who can be described as an undermining hypocrite throughout the play and steals solely for personal gain. The fact that Tartuffe is a grown man and understands his actions greatly contradicts with Rousseau childish mistakes. Tartuffe displays a heinous crime in contradiction to the trivial crime of Rousseau.

When comparing the aftermath of the crimes, the two works differ in the shared theme, regret. In "Confessions" Rousseau does lie when asked if he stole the ribbon, but Rousseau is constantly haunted with this crime throughout his life. "There ended the serenity of my childish life. From that moment I never again enjoyed pure happiness." Rousseau is feeling so guilty of small crime he committed as a child he writes an entire confession, this greatly differs from Tartuffe.

When Tartuffe is handcuffed by the officer, Tartuffe displays the same hypocritical attitude that was evident throughout the play. The last words of Tartuffe, "To prison? This can't be true!" sum up perfectly the zero regret that Tartuffe shows even though he knows he has been caught. If looking the

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two works as a whole based solely on regret there is clear distinction.

Rousseau, a child, committed a crime that he is obviously regretful about.

Then there is Tartuffe, where there is no sign of regret and deserves to be imprisoned forever.