

## **MIMICRY REFLECTED IN THE NOVEL *INHERITANCE OF LOSS* BY KIRAN DESAI**

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### **Abstract**

Postcolonial is the relationship between the colonizing state and the colonized state which occurred after the colonial state gained independence. Mimicry is a part of post colonial, the writer focuses on Mimicry Analyzes reflected in Kiran Desai's *Inheritance of loss*. The novel depicts the life of the Indian society before and after the British colonial era. Desai portrays how the society had been influenced by some aspects of the British culture. As seen in the novel, some of the characters are more interested in imitating the British than maintaining their own culture. The writer has found some aspects of economy, belief, custom, food, lifestyle, in the aspect of economy the Indian sell in store whereas before they sell goods only in the open space on streets. in the belief culturesome of the Indian who belived in Hinduism convert to Christians. The language aspect the Indian begin to use English besides their Hindi and Urdu language. The Indian consume British products such as Ovaltine and ice cream. They also read British books and consume alcohol drinks. Indian mimicry towards British culture caused the loss of some of their native cultures. Indian eliminating important values and their confidence in their culture that is inherited from their ancestors.

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