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Cocksure Women and Hen-sure Man——A New Study of Sons and Lovers

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This thesis is going to analyze the characters in Sons and Lovers from a new perspective,to conclude that this is not only a book concer ning Oedipus Complex,but a book in which women dominate over man. From this point of view, Lawrence presents to the reader a new patter n of living between men and women. The paper will conclude that this is not what the feminists pursue in the end. What they struggle for is to live harmoniously and equally with men.

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In Sons and Lovers Paul first identifies himself with his mother. He then finds his own self and then is identified with his father. But as he found his father, Walter Morel, unattractive and complex he again seeks place in his mother. So he could not found his own self-identity and could not come out of his mother. How psychological complexity destroys a man or woman is seen in the character of Mrs. Morel. As a frustrated wife she failed to enjoy properly the life of a woman and goes through a great complexity and psychological breakdown. She took shelter in a loving male person to make good of an unhappy young lady. The cocksure woman doesn"t have children. Instead she has a job and an opinion. Lawrence gives us his impression of a cocksure woman when he says, "A really up-to-date woman is a cocksure woman. She doesn"t have a doubt or a qualm. She is the modern type." Lawrence believes that really a hensure woman is surer of herself than a cocksure woman is. "In her own dim surety, the hen is really much surer than the cock, in a different way. Men and women working together tends to have a positive effect on everything around them. Men tend to be less relational (Sabbatini). In conclusion men and women are pretty well balanced proving the capabilities of women. Word Count: 1043. Approx Pages: 4.