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**ЖАНР «ТЕМНАЯ АКАДЕМИЯ» В СОВРЕМЕННОЙ ЛИТЕРАТУРЕ:  
ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛИЗМА, ТАЙНЫ И ЭСТЕТИКИ**

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**DARK ACADEMIA IN MODERN LITERATURE:  
A STUDY OF INTELLECTUALISM, MYSTERY, AND AESTHETIC****Abstract**

Dark academy is a unique genre of literature that combines mysticism and high school intrigue. The article examines the features of the "Dark Academy" genre and its popularity among readers. The aim of the study is to analyze typical features of works in this genre, such as unique atmosphere, school environment, special characters, plot twists and emotional depth.

**Popularity of the genre and aesthetics of "Dark Academy"**

The Dark Academy genre is becoming increasingly popular among high school and college students due to its unique aesthetic that combines elements of dark fantasy, mysticism, gothic style, and suspenseful plots. This genre usually features mysterious and supernatural events taking place in educational institutions, as well as student life full of intrigue and mystery.

For many young people, the Dark Academy genre has become a means of self-expression and self-identity, allowing them to express their darker sides and inclinations towards an aesthetic of mysticism and mystery. It also reflects current trends in culture and art, where unattainable and mysterious character images are becoming popular [3].

Social media and content sharing platforms play an important role in popularising this genre, where fans of Dark Academy share photos, art, videos and other content related to the subject matter. In addition, many content creators are inspired by "Dark Academy" to create their works, which also contributes to the spread of this genre among the youth.

One of the most popular examples of the "Dark Academy" in literature is the series of books "The School of Night" by the writer P. S. Kast, which tells about the adventures of the main character studying in a school for vampires. It is also worth mentioning a series of novels about Harry Potter, where there are also elements of dark fantasy and mysticism [1].

"Dark Academy" is also sometimes associated with a gothic style in clothing and décor, making it even more appealing to young people seeking individuality and self-expression.

Here are a few "Dark Academy" style books that may interest fans of the genre:

1. "School of Night" (House of Night) a series of books by P. S. Kast and Christine Casti about the world of vampires and the main character who finds herself in a school for training vampires.

2. "Vampire Academy" (Vampire Academy) a series of books by Richelle Mead, telling about the struggle between good and evil vampires in the academy where the protagonist is trained.

3. "The Royal Academy" (The Royal We) by Angie Stanton and Heather Cox, a story about princes and princesses studying at a royal academy and encountering hidden secrets.

4. "Darklings" (The Darklings) a series of books by Chris Phillippe incorporating dark fantasy elements and intriguing plots set in an educational institution.

5. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" (Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children) by Randall Riggs, a story about a mysterious orphanage where the children have amazing powers.

These books offer readers the exciting plots, unique worlds, and enigmatic characters that characterize the Dark Academy genre[1].

### **"Dark Academy" is a hybrid genre**

The "Dark Academy" literary genre can be called a hybrid genre because it combines elements of different genres and styles, creating a unique and distinctive literary movement. The genre combines elements of dark fantasy, mysticism, gothic style, high school drama, romance and intrigue.

In addition, "Dark Academy" often includes elements of juvenile literature, as many books in this genre are aimed at a young audience, whose interests and queries are also taken into account when creating plots and characters.

"Dark Academy" is a genre that combines different genre elements and styles, creating a unique literary space that attracts readers with its mystery, dark magic, and intriguing plots [2].

### **Typical features of the Dark Academy genre**

1. Unique atmosphere: works in the "Dark Academy" genre usually create a mysterious and mystical atmosphere filled with a dark and mysterious atmosphere. Emphasis is placed on an atmosphere of mystery, intrigue and danger.

2. School setting: plots are often set in a school or educational environment where the protagonists are studying or exploring the mysteries and secrets hidden behind the walls of educational institutions.

3. Special characters: Dark Academy works often feature characters with unusual abilities, mysterious pasts, or some secret ties to the mystical world.

4. Plot twists: works in the "Dark Academy" genre often contain unexpected plot twists, intriguing clues, and mysterious events that keep the reader in suspense.

5. Emotional depth: in addition to mystery and intrigue, works in the Dark Academy genre also address emotional aspects, exploring characters' feelings, inner conflicts, and character development.

### **Characters inherent in the Dark Academy genre**

The Dark Academy genre often features certain types of heroes that add to the atmosphere of mystery and mysticism that characterises the genre. Some typical heroes inherent to "Dark Academy" include:

1. A protagonist/heroine with unusual abilities: there are often characters with magical or supernatural abilities that make them special and mysterious.

2. Self-reliant and independent characters: heroes of Dark Academy usually have a strong character, they are intelligent, determined and able to resist dark forces and intrigue.

3. Eccentric and mysterious personalities: many characters in "Dark Academy" have mysterious pasts, hidden motivations or secrets that make them more interesting and unpredictable.

4. Anti-heroes: the Dark Academy genre also features anti-heroes, characters whose actions and decisions may be morally questionable or controversial, but who nevertheless evoke sympathy and empathy from readers.

5. Secondary characters with mysteries and riddles: in addition to the main characters, the works of "Dark Academy" often feature secondary characters who also have their own mysteries and riddles, bringing additional elements of intrigue and mystery to the plot [3].

Such characters help to create a unique and mysterious atmosphere in the world of "Dark Academy", captivating readers with their mysterious personalities and unusual abilities.

### **Conclusion**

The "Dark Academy" genre is a unique and exciting literary trend that combines elements of dark fantasy, mysticism, high school drama, and intrigue. The works of this genre create an atmosphere of mystery that attracts readers with its unique style and unpredictable plots.

Typical features of works in the Dark Academy genre include unique atmosphere, school environments, special characters, plot twists, and emotional depth. Characters in this genre often possess unusual abilities, strong characters, and mysterious pasts, creating fascinating and multifaceted plots.

"Dark Academy" is a hybrid genre, combining different styles and genres, and offers readers a thrilling immersion into a mysterious and mysterious world full of intrigue and danger. In general, the Dark Academy genre attracts with its uniqueness, original plots and mystical atmosphere, making it popular among fans of fantasy and mysticism.

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