

London Paris minus New York EXHIBITION REPORT

The exhibition was held on 30th October 2023. The exhibition focussed on the novel *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. We were divided into four groups. The first group were looking at the French revolution and the causes leading up to it, specifically economic inequality. They used posters to show calculations comparing the years it would take for a security guard in SJU to earn Ambani's net worth, which was the time of the dinosaurs. They made clay models of the key events in the book and looked at Dickens' stance on revolution.

The second group looked at how popular media presents the novel. They prepared a three part exhibit, consisting of both material and interactive elements. They put forward a 3D model of the Bastille prison, which was compared with the Arkham Asylum from the movie *The Dark Knight Rises* as part of drawing parallels between the novel and the movie. A chart was also made comparing the two texts. The interactive element in the exhibit was a quiz based on the popular media references on the novel as well as the French revolution.

The third group did a model as well as a chart paper display based on the timeline of France during the years of the French revolution spanning from 1775 to 1795. This group also made a model of the guillotine which was an important tool used to kill people during the time of the French revolution. It also represents how revolutionary turmoil becomes institutionalised in the *Tale of Two Cities*. They also did a chart paper which displayed the arts and literature based on the French revolution.

The fourth group did an exhibition displaying women related to guillotine titled as "Women and the Guillotine ". They took a feminist approach on the symbolism of the killing machine. They included women characters who were either directly or indirectly related to the guillotine. They didn't restrict it to literature but also included pop culture, anime and a Marvel character. Overall, the exhibition was really insightful and engaging.

For the Images of the London Paris minus New York, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: <https://www.sju.edu.in/gallery/66>