

## **Candida by George Bernard Shaw: A Brief Assessment**

- George Bernard Shaw was born on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1856 in Dublin. He was a man of great intellectual ability. The play Candida is written by George Bernard Shaw.
- Candida is the name of the central figure of the play. The word Candida is derived from the adjective 'candid', which means frank and truthful.
- The major characters of the play are Candida, Reverend James Mavor Morell, and Eugene Marchbanks.
- The minor characters of the play are Burgess, Miss Proserpine Garnett, and Reverend Alexander Mills (Lexy).
- Morell is a clergyman. He is Candida's husband. He believes that he is leading a perfect married life with his wife.
- Candida is a self-confident, strong-headed woman. She believes in herself. She is always guided by her head, not by her heart. She performs her domestic duties properly.
- Marchbanks is a poet of great moral and intellectual strength. He enters the house of Morell and Candida as a guest.
- He challenges Morell's belief of a perfect marriage with Candida. He threatens Morell because he believes that Morell tortures Candida and she is unhappy in her married life.
- Shaw in his plays gives a long description of characters and the stage, so that people can understand the ideas of the writer.
- Candida is an interesting play with a different twist in a regular story of love and marriage.
- The last act of the play is important and leads the play to a new discussion.

*Reference reading: Candida: George Bernard Shaw.*

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