

Motivation research project

When *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov was published in 1955, there was a lot of controversy about it because it portrayed the idea of a young girl as a seductress in a relationship with an older man: Dolores was only 12 years old at the time and was harassed by her stepfather Humbert. This is a fact we should take into account when answering sub-questions and of course my definitive research question.

Today an age gap relationship is not something society approves of, but looking on social media, it is often romanticised and even made into a theme called 'forbidden love'. How *Lolita* plays a role in this romanticisation is something I want to research. For example, my parents have a 25-year age difference, so it has always intrigued me why people desire a significantly older/younger partner. Are these kinds of relationships healthy or can they do harm to someone? Is it appropriate to use 'Lolita' as an example when romanticising this book in the 21st century?