

The main topic of the dissertation was to study the different forms of expression of the jungle in the novel *The Vortex*.

First of all, the novel was incorporated into the history of literature as regional novel. Afterwards we analysed the moments of author's life that have some influence in *The Vortex*, specifically when he went to jungle, as one of the Committee, that had to establish the border line between Colombia and Venezuela.

It was done the analysis of the novel, focusing on: frame narrative, narrators, structure, themes and finally characters.

The frame of the novel is a card sent to a minister by J. E. Rivera.

The novel is divided in three parts however we concentrate our attention only in the second and the third one because they take place in the jungle.

There are various narrators although the main one is Arturo Cova, who is a poet, and Clemente Silvas voice has an important role too.

The main themes are the romantic story, death, violence and journey, that is a line going through the whole novel and has different types: wandering, searching, etc. The importance of death and violence is unified with the jungle's influence.

Lastly, we studied the images of the jungle.

On the one hand, the jungle is the background where the story is developing; on the other hand, we can observe the jungle's influences on humans and even the human's on the forest, which is often destructive. Then we focused on the symbols of the jungle: jungle as a prison, Mother, etc. Subsequently, the jungle was represented as a mythical being, but the author does not clarify if the jungle is a creature that truly suffers or it is only a result of human hallucination. Afterwards, we concentrated our attention on the language that was used in the lyric passages of the novel.

Although we do not know whether it is a mythical being or not, we realize that the jungle is a place, where the "reality" becomes fantasy and vice versa. The view of the jungle varies between the background of the novel and the mythical being. Moreover, the jungle is a secret area, full of mysterious whisper, where we cannot be sure of the truth and where the human being is immersed in.