Sons and Lovers. Notes. by. Rita Granger Shaw. While living in England, Lawrence wrote a book of poems and also some travel impressions Amores (the poems) and Twilight in Italy (travel) in 1916; in 1917, Lawrence wrote a further book of poems, Look! We Have Come Through. During that same year, Lawrence and Frieda, living in Cornwall, were accused of disloyalty and spying. NOTE TO THE READER: In Sons and Lovers Lawrence mainly used past tense verbs in his general narration and present tense verbs in his dialogue. Because of the nature of summary and commentary, however, we have not always preserved Lawrence's verb usage in this outline. Page 10. Sons and Lovers is in some ways so directly autobiographical as to make it almost a confession. In both the book and in the story of Lawrence’s life, childhood is spent in the poorer parts of a Nottingham mining town. In both the book and Lawrence’s life, the mother and father are at odds socially and intellectually. In both the book and Lawrence’s life, the father drinks too much, distancing himself from his wife, whom he no longer understands. In both, the mother in turn invests all her emotional life into her children but especially her sons. In both, an older brother dies of erysipelas a... Notes by Roy McMillan. 10. Paul Slack originally trained as a bricklayer in his native Nottinghamshire. Sons and Lovers is also significant for the portrait it provides of working-class life in Nottinghamshire, England. Lawrence's disgust with industrialization shows in his descriptions of the mining pits that dot the countryside and the hardships and humiliation that working families had to endure to survive. Author Biography. David Herbert Richard (D. H.) Lawrence was born in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, England, on September 11, 1885, the son of coal miner Arthur Lawrence and schoolteacher Lydia Beardsall. A novelist, critic, and poet known for writing about the conflicts between men and women, in our analysis of Sons and Lovers the resources of language: lexis, syntax, phonology, figurative language, cohesion and coherence, are discussed in relation to the style of discourse in order to explore hidden meanings in the text. The resources of language are shown to be an essential part of the meaning of the novel. Lawrence has used various literary techniques and devices in Sons and Lovers to depict those trapped in the dizzying, modernist vortex and complexity that pervades the modern age. They are discussed below. A preponderance of rhetorical questions lends his style an emphatic note. All these, add to the meaning and tone in the proper context.