

## The Evolution of the Middle-Class.

Besant illustrated the middle-class of the 9<sup>th</sup> century as an entity that was excluded from society. People were not too keen on intermingling with them. However, the middle-class constituted their own society. Their influence increased as they evolved and increased in numbers. The middle-class became more self-conscious as well as empathetic. As they evolved, so did their morals and values. They developed standards of respectability where religiosity, determination and prudence were considered values. On the other hand, hedonism, godlessness and extravagance were traits that were frowned upon. This is how the middle-class evolved from being a shunned section of the society to the most important class in it.

Excellent attempt.

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