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ABSTRACT


The Kite Runner is a beautiful story of the friendship between two boys growing up in Kabul. The Kite Runner is a novel about friendship, betrayal, and the price of loyalty. It is about the bonds between fathers and sons, and the power of fathers over sons, their love, their sacrifices, and their lies. The objectives of this analysis are: 1) To describe the character’s in the novel; 2) To analyze the personality development of the main Character “Amir” in Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner.

The writer uses a library research, which employs qualitative method to apply psychoanalysis of the main characters as a means of further research. In gathering the data for this study the writer uses documentation and literary study by analyzing the text of the novel. The technique in analyzing the data is describing analysis. It concerns with the relationship between the novel and the psychosocial theory to show how the personal development is reflected in the character in this novel

Based on the analysis of Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner, the writer conclude as follows: 1) The main character "Amir" in the novel The Kite Runner by psychosocial stages the shows development in adulthood which is characterized by the tendency of generativity-stagnation by three symptoms importantly, the intimacy, generative, and integrity; 2) The process of personality development the main character "Amir" in the novel The Kite Runner is according to background search for identity, the efforts undertaken in the search for identity, identity confusion experienced by the characters, and character self discovery. Amir able to find his true identity, which is the true identity as independent individuals, regardless of cultural identification, customes, religion, and country. The stability of identity has led to positive values in the self Amir which are: loyalty, in principle, to remain part of America, the ability to decide independently about their identity.

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