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ABSTRACT

The problem of this study is the ambition to live is very important to achieve success in life Greg Heffley’s Diary of wimpy kid 2 novels. The purpose of this study was to analyze the novel based on the structural elements and analyze the novel based on psychoanalytic approach. The type of this research is qualitative research. This type of research data is text and images taken from two data sources: primary and secondary. The primary data source is the diary of a wimpy kid 2 novels by author Jeff Kinney in 2008. While secondary data sources are other materials taken from books, author biographies, essays, comments, criticisms and internet-related research. Both the data collected by conducting library research and analyzed with descriptive analysis. Based on the analysis, the author describes some conclusions. First, based on the structural analysis of each element, it shows that the character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, theme, mise-en scene, cinematography, sound, casting and editing support each other to produce a good quality novel. Secondly, based on psychoanalytic analysis, the study showed that the problems faced by the main character is a psychological condition yourself to determine the right way to life. This novel also shows the determination process involving large will produce amazing results.

Keywords: The Ambition, Diary of wimpy Kid 2, Psychoanalytic Approach.
A. Introduction

1. Background of the Study

Each person is unique individually, with his or her ambition. Generally, the term “ambition” is meant as the strong desire to reach the success with much kind of ways, even with the wrong ways. Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary (1989: 34) (in Raharjo’s Article, 2010) defined the “ambition” as strong desire to achieve something.

The term “ambition” can also be defined as (1) the act of going about to solicit or obtain an office, or any other object of desire; canvassing, (2) An eager, and sometimes an inordinate, desire for preferment, honor, superiority, power, or the attainment of something, And (3) To seek after ambitiously or eagerly; to covet (http://www.brainyquote.com/words/am/ambition129433.html). The other opinion about the meaning of “ambition” is a motivation in oneself to improve a situation (http://encyclopedia.laborlawtalk.com/ambition).

There are many ways that a person does to show his ambition, such as working hard and studying hard, even doing the wrong way. The person’s goals encompass many aspects of life, such as politic, economic, social, culture, and so forth. On the other hand, without ambition, a person sometimes doesn’t care whether all he does are right or wrong. He sometimes ignores about social conventions, norms, regulations, morals, and ethnics, even he does the dangerous things for other, such as hurting and killing the others. The most important thing is he will get satisfaction in life. A person sometimes does not realize that doing the inexact ways to fulfill his great ambition can be harmful for the others.

On Sunday, the Heffley family goes to church but Greg is extremely reluctant to go inside, as a melted 3 Musketeers chocolate bar, intentionally placed on his seat by Rodrick, and has stained his trousers. Greg’s mom uses her blouse to cover up the stain, but the cover-up backfires when Rodrick exposes Greg’s pants. The next day,
the two get a call from their mom, informing them that Manny is sick and they are returning early from their trip. The house is trashed, and the boys only have an hour to clean it up and erase all evidence of the party before their parents arrive home. When they see that one of the partygoers wrote on the bathroom door in permanent marker, they replace the door with a different one. Greg confesses, but in order to prevent Rodrick from getting angry at him, he says the party was only a band rehearsal, and the two escape punishment. Rodrick thinks Greg denied everything, and the brothers become friends.

At the talent show a few nights later, Rowley's performance is unable to take place, as his eight-year-old assistant Scotty gets stage fright. However, Patty Farrel says it was "pathetic". Rodrick and his band perform but the crowd is not impressed until they see Greg's mom dancing, and start to dance along. Greg is happy for finally having fixed the problems with his family. Rodrick also gives him a tape containing that "embarrassing moment" at Leisure Towers. The boys then create a new friendship, realizing it is fun to have a brother. Later, Greg and Rowely put the video of the talent contest on YouTube and calls it "Lame Band with Crazy Mom Dancing" which becomes an instant hit. Rodrick shouts that Greg is "so dead" and the novel closes. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diary_of_a_Wimpy_Kid:_Rodrick_Rules%28novel%29.ch)

In this research the writer has four reasons that make this novel interesting, essential, and challenging to be analyzed. The first reasons this novel deals with ambition reflected by major character, a boy kid tries to get what he wants in his life, and there is opposition desire between id and superego of the major character, so his ego must make the best decision.

Secondly, the major character of this novel is a kid that has many ambitions. Thirdly, the writer will be a teacher later and this project is necessary to be carried out to widen, enlarge, and insert
more knowledge to her /his professional competence as teacher. And the last point is to complete the task of Research Method on Literature subject of the writer. Stimulated by all of fact clarified above, the writer proposes a psychoanalytic approach to study about the major character’s ambition using Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytic theory and entitles this research paper: “AMBITION OF GREG HEFFLEY REFLECTED IN JEFF KINNEY DIARY OF WIMPY KID 2 NOVEL (2008): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH”.

2. Literature Review

The novel of Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 by Jeff Kinney is an interesting novel. The study on Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 is first being conducted in this thesis due to its latest publication that is released on March 25th, 2008. The writer has researched through internet (GOOGLE) and digital libraries at Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta (UMS) and found none of it. Library of UMS and GOOGLE have reported zero call on the research of Diary of Wimpy Kid 2.

3. Problem Statement

The problem statement of the study is as follows: “How the ambition of Greg Heffley in Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 novel by Jeff Kinney is reflected with Psychoanalytic Approach”.

4. Limitation of the Study

The writer limits the study on the ambition of Greg Heffley in Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 novel based on Psychoanalytic Approach. Psychoanalytic is a term that was fully developed by Professor Sigmund Freud and his pupils, and, etymologically, it means mental analysis.

5. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are the following:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the ambition of Greg Heffley in Jeff Kinney Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 novel based on Psychoanalytic Approach.
6. Benefit of the Study

The benefits expected from this study are as follow:

a) Theoretical Benefit

The study is projected to give a real contribution and additional information to the reader and it can be used by the next literature researchers who are interested in analyzing this novel, especially by Psychoanalytic Approach.

b) Practical Benefit

This study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the writer and other students at Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or other Universities interested in literary studies.

7. Underlying Theory

a. Notion of Psychoanalysis

The theoretical approach that used on this study is Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytic. The notion of psychoanalytic is derived from the function of this method. It can be mentioned as many terms, Berry (2001: 2) states as follows: Psychoanalytic is one of therapy that aims to cure mental deviation and curve, Psychoanalytic explains how human personality grows and work.

b. Structure of Personality

In this case the researcher uses theory of personality proposed by Sigmund Freud. Some of the richness of Freud’s approach can be seen in his well-known theory that the mind id divided into three parts. They are the id, ego, and superego.

1) Id

Id refers to the biological aspects and the original system in the personality. Id contains the biological elements include instinct id is the conscious psychic energy to operate ego and superego.

The irrational, instinctual, unknown, and unconsciousness part of the psyche Freud calls the id, wanting immediate satisfaction for all its instinctual desires (Bressler, 1994: 150).
2) **Superego**

*Superego* means the sociological of personality aspect. The principle of morality consists of some values and evaluated norms. *Superego* operates according to the morality principle and serves primarily to protect society and us from *id*.

Superego is acts as an internal censor, causing us to make moral judgments in light of social pressures. (Bressler, 1994: 151).

3) **Ego**

*Ego* is a psychological aspect of personality and emerges because of the organism need to get in touch with the reality. *Ego* has a function to reduce the tension in organism by finding the appropriate object.

**B. Research Method**

1. **Type of the Study**

In this study, writer applies qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using psychoanalytic approach. The step to conduct the research are as follows the following:

   a. Determining of the study.
   b. Determining the object of the study.
   c. Determining data and data source.
   d. Determining technique of collecting data, and
   e. Determining of data analysis.

2. **Object of the Study**

The object of the study is a novel entitled “*Diary of Wimpy Kid 2*”. This novel is written by Jeff Kinney, It was first published February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 by Amulet Books. It consists of 224 pages.

3. **Type of the Data and the Data Source**

There are two sources of data in this study namely primary data and secondary data:
a. Primary Data: the primary data source is the novel *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2*, in the form of sentences and dialogue.

b. Secondary Data: The writer takes the secondary data sources are from many sources such as references, biography of the author, the synopsis of the novel, the problems and material related to the research whether they are taken from the books or internet.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The techniques of data collection are as follows: Reading the movie repeatedly, Taking notes of information part both primary and secondary data, Arranging the data into several parts based on its theoretical category, Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis and Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, The writer applies descriptive qualitative analysis in analyzing the data. The steps taken by the researcher in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. The second step is analyzing the data based on psychoanalytic approach. Focus will be paid on the ambition.

C. Research Findings and Discussion

1. Structural Elements Analysis of *The Grey Movie*

The narrative elements consist of character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, and theme. Then, the technical elements consist of *Mise-en-Scene*, cinematography, sound, editing, and casting.
a. **Narrative Elements of the Movie**

1) **Character and Characterization**

Greg Heffley is the major character who dominates the story of the novel. He is difficult to survive in the family because of a mistake made by his brother and always defeated by his brother. Mentally he never gives up doing everything.

“Rodrick make my life miserable from one side and Manny attacked from the other side”. “I was the only person to blame for all the things somehow it got a family that loves me” (Diary of Wimpy Kid 2, 2012:57)

2) **Setting**

Setting is where we meet the character or what environment we find the character in the novel (Douglass and Harnden, 1996:109). Setting is given to create story as real and concrete as possible.

a. **Setting of Place**

Generally, this novel takes place in the United States, but is divided into a number of places, such as:

The story begins when Rodrick attending a party somewhere in Westmore. they are there to have fun, play, eat, and so on. At Westmore Middle School, also often fights greg and his friends at school called Greg who is not brave.

“Greg chase Rodrick wearing only pants. Rodrick record through security camera and threatens to show it to everyone sooner or later.” (Diary of Wimpy Kid 2, 2008:84)

b. **Setting of Time**

Jeff Kinney as the author of this novel does not mention the specific time including day, date and year. However, this novel still offers interesting side and enjoyable. According the setting of place of this novel which took place in a state of USA named Westmore, home, and nursing home this novel tells about someone who always had the ambition to change and should be able to get what he wants.
1. Plot

Plot is the sequence of events having cause and effect relationship in narration or play. The third is climax: the highest emotional intensity and the last is resolution or denouement: the outcome conclusion or the solving the problem (Kennedy, 1983:84). There are some classifications in plot, they are: exposition, complication, climax, and the last is resolution. It will be explained as follows:

a. Exposition

Exposition is the kind of introduction where settings and characters are clearly developed. The beginning of the story can be seen through the introduction of the major characters, namely Josephine. The exposition begins with the story of the beginning of school Greg. Rodrick are always sibling who never got along.

b. Complication

Complication is the middle part of a story which plays a role to develop the conflict. There are two factors which influence the development of conflict, they are the external factors and the internal factors. The first is the external factors, Complications of the novel begin Rodrick hosts a party at the house and locks Greg in the basement. The next day, the two get a call from their mom, informing them that Manny is sick and they are returning early from their trip.

The second is internal factors that arise from the major character’s inner conflict. It can be seen when Greg He also tried to make something as if he brave, Greg has always considered himself always right, with strange behavior, it makes the people around him who did not ascribe the brave, not great, and a little guts.

c. Climax

Climax is the highest point where the chains of conflict reach the highest concentrating effort. The climax of Diary of Wimpy Kid 2 when Greg and Rodrick go out for a night of fun, getting smoothies
and pranking unsuspecting people. Greg is grounded for two weeks with no video games, and Rodrick is grounded for a month and is not allowed to participate in the talent show. Greg tries to apologize but Rodrick only says that they are no longer friends.

d. Resolution

The resolution of this novel. When At the talent show a few nights later, Rodrick goes to his band, Greg follows and watches Rodrick's band member, Bill Walter, kick him out of the band he created. Greg bargains with his mom to allow Rodrick to perform, if he will perform with Rowley, which his mom accepts. Later, Greg and Rowley put the video of the talent contest on YouTube and calls it "Lame Band with Crazy Mom Dancing" which becomes an instant hit.

2. Point of View

Point of view here means the relationship between the author and the reader’s thought and feeling. After analyzing and researching researcher Greg Heffley new text, Jeff Kinney as a non-participant point of view. This means that the narrator is not involved in the story. In this novel, Rodrick (a minor character) became the first narrator, that he was a minor character, and he's always making a scene.

3. Theme

Theme is the basic idea of story in which the author portrays through conflicts of characters with other character or with life events. In discovering theme, the theme allows us for focusing our attention on the certain aspects of the subject while excluding others (Douglass and Harnden, 1996:3).

B. Discussion

After analyzing the structural elements of the novel, the researcher concentrates all elements into unity. The whole of structure elements of the novel will correspond to the theme. They give support and continuity one to another. Every person has dreams to get a true
truth in their life. The author creates character like *Diary of Wimpy Kid* 2 to support the theme of the story. The characterization, there are two kinds of Character, namely major character and minor character. Major character of the novel is Greg. Minor character is Rodrick, Rowley, Frank, Susan, Holly, Fregley.

The setting of the novel of two broader setting is setting of time and setting of place. Setting of place, the story begins. The story begins when Rodrick attending a party somewhere in Westmore. They are there to have fun, play, eat, and so on. The plot in this novel consists of exposition, complication, climax and resolution. The analysis above tells that the structural elements of the novel, namely characters and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, theme, style are a whole unity that cannot be separated one from the other.

2. **Psychoanalytic Analysis**

a. **The Structure of Greg Heffley’s Personality**

*Diary of Wimpy Kid* 2 novel has a major character namely Greg Heffley. In this novel there are many psychological problems that are faced by Greg. All of those deal with the *Id*, *Ego*, and *Superego*.

1. **Id**

According to Feist (1985: 25), the *Id* serves the pleasure principle, since its sole function is to seek satisfaction of pleasurable drives. In review, the *Id* is primitive, chaotic, and inaccessible to consciousness, unchangeable, amoral, illogical, unorganized, and filled with energy received from the instincts and discharged for the satisfaction of the pleasure principle.

Greg's first *Id* appears when he feels desperate because he difficulties to survive in the family due to a mistake made by his brother and always made invincible by his brother, and always fight. The second *Id* of Greg is extremely reluctant to go inside, as a melted 3 Musketeers chocolate bar, intentionally placed on his seat by Rodrick,
and has stained his trousers. Greg's mom uses her blouse to cover up the stain, but the cover-up backfires when Rodrick exposes Greg's pant

*dirt. Greg brown seems to be there. frank doing and take something. (Diary of Wimpy Kid 2,2008:62)

2. *Ego*

The *Ego* is the region of the mind in contact with reality. It grows out of the *Id* during infancy and through out a person’s lifetime, it remains the extension of the *Id*, which has communication with the external world. The *Ego* is governed by the reality principle, which it tries to substitute for the pleasure principle of the *Id*. (Feist, 1985: 25).

The *Ego* of Greg occurs when he did not want to help Rodrick canceled for not complain to the parents if there is a party last night. His *Id* come to Greg and then try to hit it's time to complain to the parents let Rodrick not arbitrarily to Greg. Then his *ego* finally decided not to complain to the parents.

*“we agreed you would give greg drum lessons. (Diary of Wimpy Kid 2,2008:79)*

3. *Superego*

In Freudian psychology, the *Superego* is the moral or ethical province of personality. It is guided by the idealistic principle as opposed to the pleasure principle of the *Id* and the realistic principle of the *Ego*. (Feist, 1985: 26).

The *Superego* of Greg occurs when his Id pressures the *Ego* he difficulties to survive in the family due to a mistake made by his brother and always made invincible by his brother and he feels desperate.

b. *Discussion*

After the researcher analyzed the structure of personality from the Greg Heffley as the major character including analyzing the *Id, Ego, and Superego* in *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel, the researcher
will discuss about the ambition to want to give someone to be able to
get something and can show how life's ambition to be a must do to
survive in various conditions as the major character of this novel. The
factors that make Greg move or ambition to be great to be able to
change his attitude is always invincible, namely: to be able to
approach a beautiful girl there named holly in schools such as Greg in
taunted by his friend did not get near a girl and she does not have the
guts, he wants to prove that he has the guts are strong and will not be
mocked by his brother.

According to the analysis of the structure of Greg Heffley
personality, the researcher found some conflicts between the His Id
say that Greg had to go to church because the church should not miss
it for granted. On the other hand, Superego said the affected
embarrassed wearing brown pants and shirt must be wrapped by the
mother. Therefore, his ego decided to fight because Rodrick was
embarrassing Greg in front of people. Based on the analysis of
conflicts above, the researcher concludes that Greg his Id and Ego has
similar goal to can show how life's ambition to be a must do to survive
in various conditions. His superego put some consideration that he
must choose.

As the conclusion, the great determination to be alive that is
shown by Greg Heffley as the main character of this novel is very
interesting. As the conclusion, ambiton of Greg Heffley that is shown
by Jeff Kinney as the main character of this novel is very interesting.
He passed many dangerous situations by doing anything to make him
still ambition.

D. Conclusion

1. Conclusion

After analyzing this novel both structural and psychoanalytic
analysis, researchers concluded that this novel writer Jeff Kinney is
the ambition to want to give someone to be able to get something (for
the most part he gets unlucky). Overall a very good aspect of this novel, everyone can work optimally to support this novel a success. With the author can show how life's ambition to be a must do to survive in various conditions. In this novel also gives more silliness. This novel is also like a child's handwriting, which is sometimes oblique, irregular. other than that, this novel was given the pictures that there is a very funny and the illustrations depict the fate of Greg.

2. **Suggestion**

After analyzing the Ambition Of Greg Heffley In *Diary of Wimpy Kid* 2 novel, the researcher suggests to the other researchers to concern analyzing this novel deeper by using different ways, for instance using individual psychological approach because there are some aspects of Greg Heffley that is related with this theory, another theory that can be used for the other researcher is existentialist approach to find the meaning of life by Greg Heffley as the main character of this novel.

3. **Pedagogical Implication**

After reading and analyzing the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* 2 new, researchers concluded that a ambition to live is very important to achieve success. This novel gives some useful values in the teaching and learning process. Ambition is reflected in this novel inspire young learners. This novel teaches about the struggle to achieve something important, and it is the ambition to be like other people. This novel message values outlined that any problems can be passed by applying ambitions in daily life.

Moral values that can be found in this novel is how the ambition to do something to bring something amazing. This novel also provides additional understanding of how one's decision to consider the most appropriate in urgent circumstances. Overall, the message of this novel effect is important for the development of education, especially for young learners.
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