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This study is aimed to show women’s independence which is represented by the characters in This Earth of Mankind novel by using feminist approach. This research is descriptive qualitative research. It is done by verifying two objectives: the first is analyzing the novel based on its structural elements and the second is analyzing the novel on the feminist approach.

In this method, there are two types of data sources, namely primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is This Earth of Mankind novel by Pramoedya Ananta Toer which is translated by Max Lane in 1982. And the secondary data sources are materials other sources such as books, dictionary, internet and journal which is related to the study. The method of collecting data is library research and this study is analyzed using descriptive analysis.

The results of the study are as follows. First, based on the structural analysis of each elements, it shows that the character and characterization, setting, plot, theme, point of view, style are related to each other and establish a unity of pleasant novel. Second, based on feminist approach, the author reflect the independence of woman in facing the harshness of the world but her independence still did not acknowledged by society. The novel is an object in which explain the condition of Indonesian woman’s life in Dutch colonialism.

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