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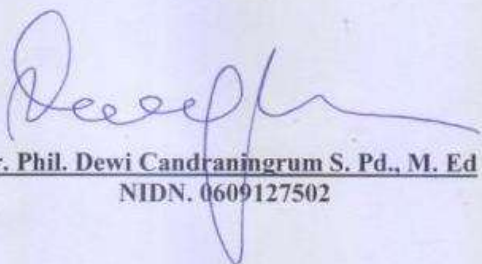
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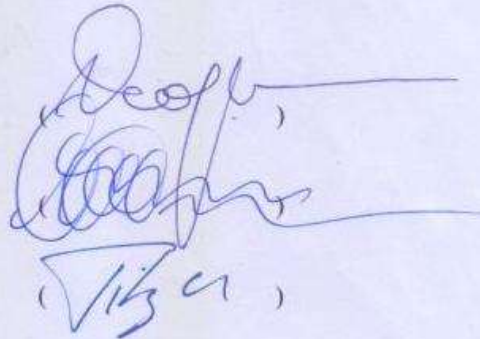
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Abstrak

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian tentang *The Hunger Games* oleh Suzanne Collins yang di lihat dari perspektif feminis. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan dan menjelaskan jenis-jenis kemandirian wanita yang di alami oleh Katniss Everdeen sebagai karakter utama wanita dan untuk mengungkapkan makna yang signifikan dari kemandirian Katniss. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif yang menerapkan metode analisis isi. Objek dari penelitian ini adalah sebuah novel yang berjudul *The Hunger Games* yang di tulis oleh Suzanne Collins pada tahun 2008 dan datanya adalah kalimat-kalimat yang berkaitan dengan Kemandirian Katniss yang ditemukan di dalam novel. Analisis data dilakukan dengan mengelompokkan dan mengkategorikan data untuk menemukan kesimpulan. Untuk mendapatkan reabilitas, peneliti membaca dan membaca ulang novel dengan hati-hati dan kemudian mencatat data ke dalam kerangka sistematis berdasarkan teori. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan dua poin, poin pertama adalah jenis-jenis Kemandirian Katniss yang ditunjukkan ke dalam empat kategori: 1) Kemandirian dalam Society, 2) Kemandirian dalam Pendidikan, 3) Kemandirian di tempat kerja, 4) Kemandirian dalam Ekonomi,. Kedua, makna signifikan dari perjuangan Katniss adalah wanita dapat memperoleh kemandirian, sikap cerdas dan berani. Katniss mampu memenangkan *The Hunger Games* bersama Peeta Melark berkat kecerdikannya. Analisis perjuangan Katniss bertujuan untuk membedakan antara analisis feminis dalam penelitian literatur analisis feminis di bidang penelitian lain.

Kata kunci: kemandirian, feminis, permainan kelaparan

Abstract

This research is a study of Suzanne Collins's *The Hunger Games* viewed from feminist perspective. The objectives of the research are to find out and explain the kinds of women's independence by Katniss Everdeen as the main female character and to reveal the significant meaning of Katniss's independence. This research is a qualitative study applying content analysis method. The object of this research is a novel entitled *The Hunger Games* written by Suzanne Collins in 2008 and the data are sentences related to Katniss's independence found in the novel. The data analysis was conducted by classifying and categorizing the data to find the inferences. In order to gain reliability, the researcher read and reread the novel carefully and then recorded the data into a systematic framework based on the theory. The results of this indicate two points, the first point is kinds of Katniss's independence which is represent into four categories: 1) women's independence in society, 2) women's independence in education, 3) women's independence in work place, 4) women's independence in economy. Second is the significant meanings of Katniss's independence are woman can gain their

independence, intelligent and courageous attitude. Katniss can win in The Hunger Games with Peeta melark because of her strategy. The analysis of Katniss's independence intends to distinguish between analyses of feminist in literature study feminist analysis in other research fields.

Keywords: independence, feminist, the hunger games

1. INTRODUCTION

Literature reflects the various experiences, ideas, passions, of human beings in their daily life that express on several forms and styles of literary works. Since literature directly derives from human life, it can increase our knowledge and experiences about human problems including values, morals, cultures and human interest. According to Wellek and Warren (1956:15) Literature is a creative activity and art without artistic values literature would be just another kind writing, along with scientific, works, reports, etc. It also increases human being's knowledge or insight, enrich their spirits and make them more civilized. It can help them comprehend other people's condition and qualities. Therefore, literature helps human being grow, both personally and intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding.

Literature is a very good kind of writing that can be enlightening for the human being. However it also has a big effect. It means that we could drop once and for all the illusions that the category of literature is objective, in the sense of being forever given and unchanging (Eagleton, 2003: 9).

Literature is a study that concerns a whole range of human life and activities that expressed in words permanently (written or spoken). Literature expresses thoughts, feelings, ideas or other special aspects of human experiences, and it is a work of art that is not restricted to only one form, but that there are different types depending on the writer's devices, theme and kinds of writing (Ade & Okunoye, 2008: 3).

Hudson, in his "An Introduction to Literature" said that "the novel is self-contained; it provides within its own compass everything that the writer deemed necessary for the comprehension and enjoy meant of his work.

Based on Siswanto (2008: 141), Novel Writing prose is long, contains a series of stories a person's life with those around him by accentuating the character and nature of the perpetrators. The problems discussed are not as complex as romance. Usually the novel tells the events in a certain period.

Novel is one particular kind of literary works. It is mostly defined as reflection of life or everything we find in real life. Novel expresses some aspects in human's love and human existence, because novel talks about human activities and describe what happened in surrounding.

Independence is freedom. Freedom that satisfies your desire to become a stronger person and yet does not separate us from our values. It's a sense of individuality that empowers us to speak our minds and free ourselves from ignorance. Independence means living your life to the fullest, it's to enjoy and do your best every single day of your life. It is about standing bold and strong. Independence means making own choices and taking the responsibility consequences of those choices. It's like your life is a painting and you have the option to pick out the colors and draw exactly what you want.

The writer choose this novel because this novel tells about independence and to be a winner is not easy. It need hard work, strategy and never give up. The independence that played the main character in the fight for life in the hunger games, the reader is able to appreciate the meaning of the struggles in life. The independence for life in the novel, especially the struggle to accept the reality of life because Katniss is a girl who left by her father and being a volunteer replace her little sister and fight in the hunger games to save herself from people in the other district who want to kill her and be a winner.

2. METHOD

This research is a qualitative study in which the purpose are to identify the kinds of Katniss Everdeen's independence through the feminist approach in novel The Hunger Games and to find out the main character survive to win in The Hunger Games. There are two data sources in this research, as follow primary data and secondary data source. Primary data source is The Hunger Games Novel.

Secondary data source from the articles, public response, online journals, essay and other relevant source. The researcher uses fourth techniques of collecting data, as follow: 1) searching the novel, 2) Reading the novel, 3) making a note and then highlight the important words, 3) Making a limitation of the data which would be analyzed, 4) making conclusion.

3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Women's Independence

3.1.1 Women's Independence in Society

Women have an important role in the family. Women have important duties as a mother and wife who would naturally also become housewife and cares of children. So, care is women's primary responsibility.

“I bought our food at the market and cooked it as best as I could and tried to keep Prim and myself looking presentable.” (C2, P25)

3.1.2 Women's Independence in Education

Education plays a very important role as a foundation for the development of girl's towards adult life.

“I have tried copying my father bows with poor result. It's not easy. Even he had to scrap his own work sometimes.” (C3, P37)

3.1.3 Women's Independence in Work Place

Women can decide their decision. Women and men are the same. Women can entrance all of occupation.

“Discuss little more than trades in the Hob, which is the black market where I make most of money.” (C1, P6)

3.1.4 Women's Independence in Economy

Women can control their own income. When women have economic power – defined as control of income and capital like land, livestock etc. they got more equality and control over their own lives.

“Say you are poor and starving as we were.” (C1, P12)

3.2 How survive to win

To be a winner is not easy. It needs hard work, strategy and never give up. In this games just has 2 choice. Kill or to be killed. The main character survive to win The Hunger Games can be seen in statement below:

“The heat is horrible, but worse than the heat is smoke, which threatens to suffocate me at any moment. I pull the top of my shirt up over my nose, grateful to find it soaked in sweat, and it offers a thin veil of protection. And I run, choking, my bag banging against my back, my face cut with branches that materialize from the gray haze without warning, because I know I am supposed to run.” (C13, P165)

3.3 Discussion

This research tried to describe the kinds of women’s independence through feminist approach and the main character survive to win in novel The Hunger Games.

In this research from the novel by Suzanne Collin only retrieve data from chapter 1 until 25 for source data. There are five Women’s independence used Feminist theory but the writer only found four kinds in chapter one until four namely: Women’s independence in society in chapter 2, Women’s independence education in chapter 3 until 4, Women’s independence work place in chapter 1 and Women’s independence economy in chapter 1 until 2.

The first is women’s independence in society. Katniss everdeen as a main role in this novel has a critical role in her family. She replace her father and took over as head of family to save her family. Katniss become a volunteer in the hunger games when her sister’s name out.

The second is women’s independence in education. Katniss everdeen as a big sister want to learn everything when her dead still alive. From make a bow, fishing and hunting in the wood. She also learn about trading to got a good price.

The third is women’s independence in workplace. Her father’s passed away made katniss have to work to keep her family because her mother was depressed after his father gone. She must to hunt in the wood and sell in the black market to get high price. Most of people in district 12 works as coal miner. But she things work as coal miner has a high risk.

The fourth is women's independence in economy. Katniss is a poor woman. District 12 is a poorest area. That's not surprised to see many people starving and malnourished.

The way of Katniss Everdeen survive to win in The Hunger Games shown in chapter 12 until 25. She put a snare in the woods so she could eat and finally she got a good rabbit in chapter 12. She pulled the top of her shirt up over her nose to protect her from a smoke of woods fires in chapter 13. Katniss cut the branch and made the nest fall to the ground in chapter 14. Katniss has a good idea to eat the poison berry and finally she and Peeta announced as a winner in chapter 25.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the result of the study, the issue that researcher choose in The Hunger Games novel is women's independence. Firstly, women's independence that exist in this novel is women's independence in society. There are some dialogues in that novel shown women's independence by the main character.

Secondly, women's independence in the novel can categorize into four types that are; women' independence in society, education, work place, economy. According to analysis on the previous chapter, the effects of women's independence on the hunger games novel are struggle by almost all characters. Eventhough, the main character, Katniss, struggle to save her family and win the hunger games.

Based on the analysis and discussion of the survive of the main character in novel The Hunger Games works Suzanne Collins, the most prominent survive is the survive to be a winner is not easy has so many hurdles and obstacles need a strategies that continue its path and never give up.

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