

ABSTRACT

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Love is defined as complex feeling that involves sense of intimacy. Human is a social creature who is unsocial naturally and not accidentally is either beneath our notice or more than human. There are many mesmerizing things invented because of love. Humans are willing to sacrifice themselves for their loved ones. However, to achieve the goal due to love, humans always face unavoidable obstacles called conflict. As portrayal of real life, literary works present interesting conflicts to the readers. Hence, understanding the impact of love to someone's characteristics is required to learn the value of romantic relationship on humans' life.

This research aimed to explain the influence of romantic relationship on Winston Smith's characteristics while conducting his movement with other rebellions against the government (*The Big Brother*). There were two research questions in this research: (1) How are Winston Smith's characteristics portrayed as the main character in the novel? (2) What motivates Winston to have a secret romantic relationship with Julia despite the consequences?

The research was a qualitative research applying psychological approach. Implementing theories of characterization by Murphy (1972), the researcher analyzed the main character of the novel entitled 1984 written by George Orwell, Winston Smith. Furthermore, the researcher also analyzed the influence of Julia in fulfilling Winston's needs by applying the theory of motivation by Maslow (1970).

From this research, the researcher found 4 characteristics of Winston Smith. Those characteristics are lustful, curious, observative, and smart. Moreover, the researcher indicated 5 needs of Winston that are fulfilled in accordance with Maslow's theory of motivation. By having a relationship with Julia, Winston can fulfill his psychological need, love and belonging need, safety need, esteem need, and cognitive need. Thus, the researcher concluded that the presence of Julia in Winston's life brought many positive aspects to his life.

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Cinta didefinisikan sebagai perasaan kompleks yang melibatkan rasa keintiman. Manusia adalah makhluk sosial yang secara alami tidak sosial dan tidak sengaja berada dibawah kesadaran atau lebih dari manusia. Ada banyak hal indah yang diciptakan karena cinta. Manusia rela mengorbankan dirinya demi orang yang dicintainya. Namun, untuk mencapai tujuan karena cinta, manusia selalu menghadapi rintangan yang tidak dapat dihindari yaitu konflik. Sebagai potret kehidupan nyata, karya sastra menghadirkan berbagai konflik yang menarik bagi pembacanya. Oleh karena itu, pemahaman dampak cinta terhadap karakteristik seseorang diperlukan untuk mempelajari nilai hubungan romantis dalam kehidupan manusia.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menjelaskan pengaruh hubungan romantis terhadap karakteristik Winston Smith saat melakukan pemberontakan terhadap pemerintah (*The Big Brother*). Terdapat dua rumusan masalah pada penelitian ini: (1) Bagaimana karakteristik Winston Smith digambarkan sebagai karakter utama dalam novel? (2) Apa yang memotivasi Winston untuk memiliki hubungan romantis rahasia dengan Julia terlepas dari konsekuensinya?

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif dengan pendekatan psikologi. Dengan menerapkan teori penokohan Murphy (1972), peneliti menganalisis tokoh utama novel 1984 karya George Orwell, Winston Smith. Selanjutnya peneliti juga menganalisis pengaruh Julia dalam memenuhi kebutuhan Winston dengan menerapkan teori motivasi Maslow (1970).

Dari penelitian ini, peneliti menemukan 4 karakteristik Winston Smith. Ciri-ciri tersebut adalah bergairah, penasaran, observatif, dan cerdas. Selain itu, peneliti menunjukkan 5 kebutuhan Winston yang terpenuhi sesuai dengan teori motivasi Maslow. Dengan menjalin hubungan dengan Julia, Winston dapat memenuhi kebutuhan fisiologis, kebutuhan cinta dan kasih sayang, kebutuhan keamanan, kebutuhan penghargaan, dan kebutuhan kognitif. Dengan demikian, peneliti menyimpulkan bahwa kehadiran Julia dalam kehidupan Winston membawa banyak aspek positif dalam hidupnya.

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