AN ANALYSIS OF VICTORIA ANDREW’S DIVORCE IN KATRINA JOHNSONS’S NOVEL ‘EVENING STREET”

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Literature reflects about life, thought, feeling, behavior, and attitude of human being. Literature helps us understand human sentiment, human interest, and human problems. Literature is divided into three kinds, they are poetry, prose, and drama. In prose, a novel is a new kind of literary work. Various life experiences presented in a novel may give us wider perspective of life which is very useful for the growth of our personality, integrity, and performance. This research uses a kind of novel that is historical novel. Historical novel is a long story in which the characters or events existed or happened in the past. Evening Street is a kind of historical novel that the story happened in the past time. Evening Street’s novel was chosen because the story is in sequence and easy to understand. Besides, the problems that are faced by the main character could make the researcher interested to analyze. The three major purposes considered being the main problems in analyzing the Victoria Andrew’s divorce are (1) to describe the causes of Victoria Andrew’s divorce, (2) to describe the effects of the divorce on Victoria Andrew’s life.

The study used descriptive qualitative design to analyze the data. The approach that was suitable with this analysis was objective approach because this research did not study the author’s life. Merely, the research emphasized on the novel’s physical content that is the quotations of the dialogue and explained the meanings of the quotation in an objective way. The object of this study was the novel “evening Street” by “Katrina Johnson”.

The results of this study show that the causes of Victoria Andrew’s divorce are lack of Fred and Mrs Buck respect to Victoria Andrew, and Fred and Mrs Buck’s control over Victoria. Furthermore, the effects of the divorce on Victoria Andrew’s life are Victoria feels depressed, she is sick, Victoria gets another man who loves her, Victoria escapes from her house, and Dow proposes Victoria to get married with him.