

AN ANALYSIS OF PETER GRESHAM'S CUNNING IN MAX BRAND'S NOVEL "FIRE BRAIN"

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Literature is a vehicle in order to record the most enduring interest of human being such as their experience and thought. It is a kind of art which offers pleasure and illumination. Moreover, the medium of it is a language either oral or written. But not all oral language is literature. One part of literature is novel.

The purpose of this study is to find out the answer of questions: 1) What are Peter Gresham's cunning?, 2) Why does Peter Gresham make use of cunning? and 3) How are Peter Gresham's ways in making use of his cunning?

The suitable method of this study is descriptive because there is no treatment as in as experimental research. While, approach used is objective approach that tries to describe the literary product without necessarily studying the author's life, the background of the work, or the background of the society. The object of the study is the whole events related to Peter Gresham's cunning. The events are in the form of sentences paragraphs, and dialogues concerning with the cunning action which is made use by Peter Gresham in Max Brand's novel "Fire Brain".

The result of this study shows that there are four of Peter Gresham's cunning. They are: 1) Peter Gresham's cunning toward citizens, 2) Peter Gresham's cunning toward Sherbun, 3) Peter Gresham's cunning toward Doc and 4) Peter Gresham's cunning toward Jenny. Then, the reason of Peter Gresham made use of cunning toward citizens is to get citizens' sympathy, the reason of his cunning toward Sherbun is that Sherbun fell in love to Jenny, the reason of his cunning toward Doc is that he did not need him as a spy anymore and the reason of his cunning toward Jenny is that he obsessed her very much. At last, the way of Peter Gresham made use of cunning toward citizens is by acting like a hero, the way of his cunning toward Sherbun is by submitting his money and challenging him in order to catch Red Hawk, the way of his cunning toward Doc is by sticking him when he had played the role as Red Hawk and the way of his cunning toward Jenny is by killing four lovers of her.