

THE MAIN CHARACTER'S NEEDS FOUND IN ARTHUR GOLDEN'S NOVEL "MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA"



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Literature is the expression of phenomena that happen in human's life such as their problem, struggle, love, sacrifice, sorrow or conflict. It means that literary work expresses the human lives and ideas in a beautiful language.

One of literary works is novel. By reading novel, people can get so many values and messages about the human life that is complex with many conflicts to be faced. That is the reason why the researcher analyzes a novel.

This study was conducted to analyze the motivation of Nitta Sayuri as the main character of the novel "Memoirs of a Geisha". The investigation focused on the basic needs of Nitta Sayuri's motivation, the effects of Nitta Sayuri's motivation on herself and the messages that can be taken from this novel.

This study used a descriptive qualitative research design because there was no treatment as in experimental research. This thesis just described or interpreted condition or situation. The approach used objective approach because the researcher did not study the author's life, background of the work, but just analyzed the work itself. The object of this study was the novel with the title "Memoirs of a Geisha" written by Arthur Golden.

The result of this study showed that Nitta Sayuri had three basic needs of motivation, they were (1) needs for safety (2) needs of love, affection and belonging (3) needs for esteem which is divided into two, they were external esteem needs and internal esteem needs. The effects of becoming a geisha on herself is that she was able: to meet with famous persons, to get closer with the Chairman, to travel to foreign country, to have her own teahouse. The messages that can be taken from the novel were (1) all people should work hard to be successful (2) jealousy to working mate should encourage someone to be motivated (3) all people shouldn't be break the brotherhood relationship (4) a woman should keep her virginity until she has married (5) all human beings should not judge someone else based on his / her property but they have to see from his / her behavior (6) people shouldn't be cruel to somebody since they would get punishment for it (7) every human has to be careful in building friendship (8) all people shouldn't do violence to someone else.