AN ANALYSIS ON VICTORIA ANDREWS’ SUFFERING IN KATRINA JOHNSON’S NOVEL ”EVENING STREET”

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The university curriculum includes literature as the compulsory subject for the students of English Department of Muhammadiyah University of Malang. However, there are many students who have problems in analyzing literary works such as prose, drama, and poetry which need deep thinking and challenging intelligence. These problems motivate the writer to conduct a study on the novel” Evening Street”. Literature reflects about life, thought, feeling, behavior and attitude of human being. Literature helps us understand human sentiment, human interests, and human problems. ‘Evening Street’ is a kind novel that the story is in sequence and easy to understand. Besides, the problems that are faced by the main characters could make the research interesting to analyze. The three major purposes considered being the main problems in analyzing the Victoria Andrews’ suffering are to know what Victoria’s suffering are, to know the causes of her suffering, and to know what lessons can be taken from her suffering.

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 meaning 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 Victoria gets suffered when she experiences many difficulties in life. The first mental suffering is related to Victoria’s father death. The second, the essential problems come from her mother in law who did not respect Victoria. The Second is Victoria Physical Suffering, that is, when she became sick, and other Victoria went away from her house. Furthermore, the causes of Victoria suffering are Victoria’s unhappy life experience in” Evening Street”, there was a conflict between Victoria and her social environment (husband and mother in law), and related to Victoria’s physical suffering. Another cause is Fred’s refusal to Victoria. The last cause is Victoria’s experience when Fred’s mother did not warmly welcome her as a daughter-in-law.