

THE ANALYSIS OF ROBINSON CRUSOE'S AMBITION IN DANIEL DEFOE'S *ROBINSON CRUSOE* NOVEL

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Abstract

This study discusses the meaning of life, travel and advocacy about the main character. The researcher was interested in analyzing the ambition of main character in the novel Robinson Crusoe from Daniel Defoe because the main character in the novel Robinson Crusoe interpreted a man in real life. Researchers who have succeeded in finding meaning behind characters are always a mystery.

A person's ambition can be influenced by several factors. To know ambition, humans are required to know themselves. Many writers try to express their ideas about life, one of which is Daniel Defoe in his novel titled Robinson Crusoe. He described the discovery of the meaning of one's life through the journey of the main character named Crusoe from one island to another. This thesis focuses on the ambitions of Robinson Crusoe in traveling, Crusoe who guides himself to find the meaning of his life. Crusoe really wants to sail with the purpose of his life can change but Crusoe does not know what happened on the trip, the purpose of this thesis is to describe the character of Crusoe and the background that caused him to travel and describe the experiences experienced by Crusoe in his journey so he managed to formulate the value of life that led him to find his identity and meaning in life as a human being.

Keywords: *Robinson Crusoe, Ambition*

INTRODUCTION

In this study the researcher choose Robinson Crusoe, as a novel written by Daniel Defoe in this novel, the main character Robinson Crusoe, experiences development in his personality and the researcher would like to discuss the changes in this study. There are some reasons why the researcher choose this novel. From its first publication in 1719, Robinson Crusoe has been printed in over 700 editions. It has inspired almost every conceivable kind of imitation and variation, and been the subject of plays, operas, cartoons, and computer games. The character of Crusoe has entered the consciousness of each succeeding generation as readers add their own interpretation to the adventures so thrillingly. The story of Robinson Crusoe is

very famous. Daniel Defoes was still young when he wrote this masterpiece. Praised by eminent figures such as Coleridge, Rousseau and Wordsworth, this perennially popular book was cited by Karl Marx in *Das Kapital* to illustrate economic theory. However it is readers of all ages over the last 290 years who have given *Robinson Crusoe* its abiding position as classic tale of adventure.

The interesting thing in the novel is the survival of Robinson Crusoe. Robinson Crusoe conducting the journey because of ambition, Crusoe is the third son in his family, his first brother is a colonel who was killed in a war. While his second brother has died and no one knows about him. Crusoe is a lucky boy because his father has given him good education facilities. He hopes that Crusoe could become a lawyer. Unfortunately, Crusoe does not have a passion to be a lawyer as his father desired. Instead, he wants to go to sea and feels that his life is not satisfied when he does not go to sea during his journey.

Robinson Crusoe is the protagonist and narrator of the novel. He is individualistic, self-reliant, and adventurous. He continually discounts the good advice and warnings of his parents and others, and boldly seeks to make his own life by going to sea. He is at times overly ambitious and is unable to remain content with a comfortable life. Trapped on his island, he learns to survive all alone and also ends up becoming a devout Christian, repenting for his past sins and gaining a newfound confidence in God and his divine plan of providence. Robinson's extreme individualism is at times heroic, but also leads him to disregard others.

Based on the statement above, the *Robinson Crusoe* novel has a point of view that is independent, humanistic, takes a risk, gives up, respects each other, friendship, sociality, leadership and religion. This is a complex point for a good life to all of us.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this study the researchers used theories related to the problem, about ambition and the factors that cause ambition, the factors are desire and life satisfaction. This analysis is based on the previous analysis which has been done earlier. In the review of literature, this study will provide some previous research that discusses similar topics. The first is *A Psychological Analysis on the Main Character of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe (viewed from Karen Horney's*

Theory). It is the undergraduate thesis written by Diyah Puji Utari, the student of Islamic States University of Malang. The study is focusing on the main character of Robinson Crusoe. She uses Karen Horney's theory to analyze the character of Crusoe. In the research, Utari finds that Crusoe has neurotic needs for affection, neurotic needs for power and exploitation, and neurotic needs for self-sufficiency. Each need is divided into several needs.

For the second researcher is *The existentialism studies on Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe's freedom of life*. Wirahadi and Umar (2008) The existentialism studies on Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe's freedom of life, Undergraduate thesis, Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim. The research entitled The Existentialism Studies on Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe's Freedom of Life is conducted upon Daniel Defoe classic literary work Robinson Crusoe. Starting from the researcher's interest on both the novel and Existentialism thought that, the character always try to realize his existence and his struggle to gain for freedom of life. This study focuses its analysis upon two significant problems, which lead to the objectives, those are finding the way of Robinson Crusoe to defend his existence and find out the relationship between Existentialism and freedom of choice.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The researcher used qualitative method in this research the data collected were analyzed directly and related to this research are taken from the novel Robinson Crusoe in qualitative researcher is focused in obtaining a truthful description. The truthful description is from the analyzing the symbols in the novel. The researcher analyze, described and interpreted the symbols in the novel reflect to the real condition of earth.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This section the researcher identifies and describes the ambition main character in Robinson Crusoe novel, the factors ambition in main character. The researcher present the research problem in this novel, as follow : The ambition seen in Robinson Crusoe

Based on the result of observation to the subject of the study, the researcher presents the finding of the study. The data were also taken from novel Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe. In this chapter, the study will analyze Crusoe as main character in the novel Robinson Crusoe.

The researcher find of the ambition seen in Robinson Crusoe in novel Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe. Character that is very hard to make robinson crusoe ambitious to leave his father, he still went sailing even though his family did not allow it. And the desire to become a rich, respected and famous person he must go sailing hoping his life can change, all because of the satisfaction of Crusoe's life. The factors are in the following:

1. Desire

The factors cause the ambition of Robinson Crusoe is desire, Robinson Crusoe really wanted to go to sail, even though Robinson Crusoe's father would not allow it, but Crusoe still went sailing, his ambition was so strong that he kept going

2. Life Satisfaction

The factors cause the ambition of Robinson Crusoe is life satisfaction, Robinson Crusoe wants to change his life into a rich, respected and famous person. life satisfaction makes robinson crusoe very ambitious to sail, think in taking part in sailing his life can change.

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

After observing and analyzing Ambition of main character in novel, the researcher concluded that, The ambition that related to the main character occur because of the will, so that he can look rich, respected and famous. life satisfaction also influences the ambition factor.

so this study describes the character of a main character, in this study mentions the ambition factor carried out by robinson crusoe.

Based on the result of the study, the researcher was puts some suggestions to the following parties.

1. The reader

The result of this study was to find out the character's ambitions in the main character. The researcher reminded the reader we act we to must think about it first, do not obey self ambition, because many things are unexpected later more over in the novel there are many problems, that can benoted and applied in this life.

2. Other Researchers

There were still many aspects which analyzed about ambition character in other novel with other analyze. Finally, the researcher hoped on the future many other researcher was analyzing other aspect and the result of this study used as early information was helping the other researcher.

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