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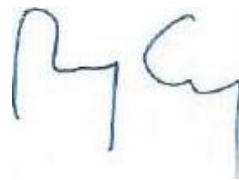
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ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penulisan penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui bentuk-bentuk perundungan dan dampak dari perundungan yang terjadi pada tahun 1970-an di Amerika yang di refleksikan oleh pengalaman "Jerry Renault" sebagai tokoh utama pada novel "The Chocolate War" karya Robert Cormier. Di dalam novel tersebut, tokoh utamanya ditampilkan sering menerima perilaku intimidasi yang dilakukan oleh guru dan seniornya. Dalam menulis penelitian ini, peneliti mengaplikasikan teori tindakan perundungan dari Rigby (2007) dan dampaknya dari Rigby (2003) dalam lingkup pendekatan sosiologi untuk menganalisis novel "The Chocolate War". Selain itu, metode deskriptif kualitatif juga diterapkan oleh peneliti untuk melakukan penelitian ini. Data untuk penelitian ini diperoleh melalui beberapa langkah, yaitu peneliti memilih novel "The Chocolate War" karya Robert Cormier sebagai sumber data penelitian. Kedua, peneliti membaca novel tersebut berulang kali. Ketiga, mencari data-data tindakan perundungan dan dampaknya yang dirasakan oleh tokoh utama. Keempat, mengumpulkan seluruh data yang ditemukan. Dan kelima, peneliti membagi temuan data berdasarkan bentuk-bentuk perundungan dan juga dampak perundungan yang dirasakan oleh tokoh utama dalam novel "The Chocolate War" karya Robert Cormier. Setelah selesai melakukan analisis, peneliti menemukan tindakan perundungan non-fisik lebih dominan terjadi dibanding perundungan fisik. Pada perundungan non-fisik, peneliti menemukan enam puluh dua data. Sedangkan pada perundungan fisik, peneliti hanya menemukan tiga belas data. Selain dari bentuk perundungan, peneliti juga menemukan dua puluh tujuh data yang menunjukkan dampak dari perundungan yang dimana dampak tingkat kesehatan psikologis yang rendah lebih dominan dialami oleh Jerry dibandingkan dampak yang lainnya. Hasilnya, peneliti menyimpulkan novel "The Chocolate War" mengandung kejadian tindakan perundungan dan juga dampak dari perundungan yang terjadi pada karakter utama bernama "Jerry Renault".

Kata Kunci: *Tindakan perundungan, pendekatan sosiologi, intimidasi.*

ABSTRACT

This research aims to determine the acts of bullying and impacts of bullying that occurred in 1970s in USA which are reflected by the experience of “Jerry Renault” as the main character in “The Chocolate War” novel written by Robert Cormier. Inside the novel, the main character is shown to be often facing intimidation by his teacher and seniors. In conducting this research, researcher applies the theory of bullying acts from Rigby (2007) and the impacts of bullying from Rigby (2003) in the scope of sociological approach to analyze “The Chocolate War” novel. Besides that, descriptive qualitative method is also applied by researcher for making this research. The data of this research are obtained by following several steps, which start from researcher that chooses “The Chocolate War” novel by Robert Cormier as the data source of the research. Second, researcher read the novel repeatedly. Third, find the data of bullying acts and the impacts felt by the main character. Fourth, collecting all the data found. And fifth, researcher divides the findings based on the acts of bullying and also the impacts felt by the main character in “The Chocolate War” novel by Robert Cormier. After conducting the analysis, researcher found non-physical bullying occurs more dominantly than physical bullying. Regarding to non-physical bullying, researcher found sixty-two data. Meanwhile, in physical bullying, researcher only found thirteen data. Apart from the acts of bullying, researcher also found twenty-seven data that show the impacts of bullying, where the impact called low level of psychological health is more dominantly experienced by Jerry than the other impacts. As the result, researcher concludes "The Chocolate War" novel contains the occurrences of bullying acts and also the impacts of bullying that occurred on the main character named "Jerry Renault".

Key Words: *Bullying acts, sociological approach, intimidation.*

MOTTO AND DEDICATION

MOTTO

“Everything that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is based on our thought and made up of our thought. If a man speaks or acts with evil thought, suffering follows him as the wheel follows the hoof of the beast that draws the wagon.... If a man speaks or acts with a good thought, happiness follows him like a shadow that never leaves him.”

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