

ABSTRACT

Putriana Assabet. 17.05.111.000.98. *The Use of Formal Elements in Showing The Main Character's Personality in A Dog's Purpose Novel by W. Bruce Cameron*. Thesis. English Study Program of Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, University of Trunojoyo Madura. Advisor: Erika Citra Sari H, S.S.,M.Hum.

The purpose of this study is to find out the relationship between the formal elements and the discovery of main character's personality in the novel *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron. The writer uses the New Criticism theory to reveal the main character's personality in the novel through several formal elements. Those formal elements are setting, plot, character and characterization, and point of view.

The type of this study is descriptive qualitative. The writer uses the technique of close reading to interpret the data. The data is the character's utterances and author's narrations found in the novel which include several formal elements such as; setting, plot, character and characterization, and point of view. The data analysis is carried out by collecting, interpreting, and making a conclusion.

The result of this study found that the author uses several formal elements to show the main character's personality in the novel. Those formal elements are; setting, plot, character and characterization, and point of view. Each element has an important role/function in revealing the main character's personality in the novel. The personality that has been found is care, ambitious, loyal, brave, cheerful, obedient, and jealous.

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Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui hubungan antara unsur formal dengan penemuan kepribadian tokoh utama dalam novel *A Dog's Purpose* karya W. Bruce Cameron. Penulis menggunakan teori Kritik Baru untuk mengungkapkan kepribadian tokoh utama dalam novel melalui beberapa unsur formal. Unsur-unsur formal tersebut adalah setting, plot, karakter dan penokohan, dan sudut pandang.

Jenis penelitian ini adalah deskriptif kualitatif. Penulis menggunakan teknik close reading untuk menginterpretasikan data. Pengumpulan data diambil dari novel yang meliputi beberapa unsur formal seperti; setting, plot, karakter dan penokohan, dan sudut pandang. Analisis data dilakukan dengan mengumpulkan, menafsirkan, dan membuat kesimpulan.

Hasil penelitian ini menemukan bahwa pengarang menggunakan beberapa unsur formal untuk menunjukkan kepribadian tokoh utama dalam novel tersebut. Unsur-unsur formal tersebut adalah; setting, plot, karakter dan penokohan, dan sudut pandang. Setiap unsur memiliki peran/fungsi penting dalam mengungkap kepribadian tokoh utama dalam novel. Kepribadian yang ditemukan adalah peduli, ambisius, setia, berani, ceria, penurut, dan pencemburu.

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