

ABSTRACT

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This study aims to investigate social stratification in *The Whistler* novel. In addition, this study describes what social stratification are depicted in the novel, and to show the social problems caused by social stratification in this novel. The data of this study were character's utterances and author's narrations that describe social stratification.

The writer used descriptive qualitative method in this study. The writer is the key instrument. She collected the data through close reading and coding system. In analyzing the data, the writer uses theory of Marxist, particularly the social stratification.

The results of this study showed social stratification seen from occupation, property, and authority. Social stratification which is depicted in this novel through occupation, authority and property divided into five classes, such as, Upper class, corporation class, Middle class, Working class, and Lower class. So, there was often social gap between every class. Those class differentiations create social problem in society. The social problems occur because it's an unfair system with a monopoly of power and wealth in certain groups. Social problem caused by social stratification are as intimidation, corruption, extortion and bribery and the misuse of the position of the government and the bureaucracy, It occurs because of the dominant power of the upper class. They feel better than the class below.

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