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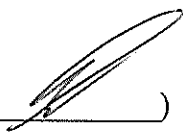
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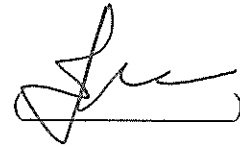
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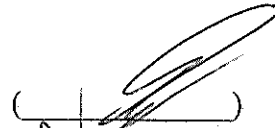
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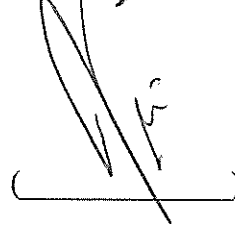
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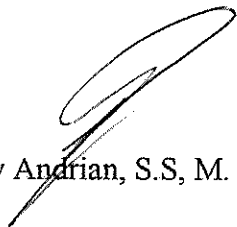
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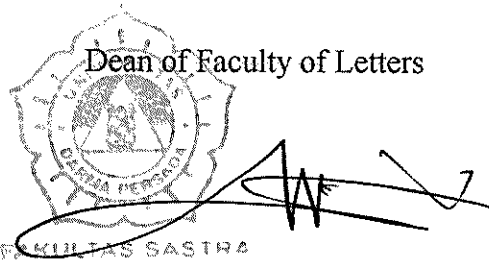
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ABSTRAK

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The Help karangan Kathryn Stockett adalah refleksi fakta kemanusiaan yang terjadi di lingkungan sosial masyarakat Jackson di Mississippi sekitar tahun 1960. Penelitian ini akan mengungkapkan pandangan dunia pengarang yang ingin disampaikan lewat novel ini. Analisis dalam penelitian ini dipengaruhi dua konsep, yaitu intrinsik dan ekstrinsik. Dari segi intrinsik, tema penelitian akan dikaitkan dengan unsur perwatakan, latar dan plot. Sedangkan dari unsur ekstrinsik, penelitian ini menggunakan kajian sosiologi sastra dalam pendekatan strukturalisme genetik oleh Lucieen Goldmann, dengan konsep pandangan dunia. Jenis penelitian ini adalah kepustakaan, yaitu menggunakan teks karya sastra sebagai sumber utama, didukung buku dan referensi lainnya sebagai penunjang penelitian.

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The help by Kathryn Stockett is reflection of human fact happens in social environment in Jackson, Mississippi at year 1960s. This research will reveal world view of author which wants to deliver through this novel. Analysis in this research is affected by two concepts, intrinsic and extrinsic. From intrinsic, theme will correlate to characterization, setting and plot. Meanwhile, from extrinsic, this research uses sociology of literature under circumstances genetic structuralism's approach by Lucieen Goldmann, by world view concept. This research is documentary, which uses text of literary work as main source, supported by other books and references ass supporting research.

Key words: *sociology of literature, genetic structuralism, world view*

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Being human is a given, but keeping our humanity is choice. In a daily life, we often forget about humanity, wherein it gives the life to be more civilized. Sometimes, we think that we are more superior than the other people are. And because of that, we treat the other people differently and unfairly. This message, the writer thinks, becomes a subject of the literature that will be discussed further in this research.

Description about human life reflects through literature. From literature, we could analyze deeper, especially about human behavior and social life. A literature is not solely invented by itself. To create a literature, in this case a novel, author needs inspiration that derived from many backgrounds and reasons. It also affects *The Help*, novel by author Kathryn Stockett.

Considering to the background of the history in *The Help*, author appoints the social conflict in the society of America, Jackson in Mississippi especially, about segregation between races. Racism becomes a reason for a group to be more superior than another group. They assume that their race is more civilized than the other group. This superior group dominates the society, mostly in many aspects such education, politic, economic, religion, etc. Differences between the majority and minority, later, arouse the social friction. This is one of matter that written in *The Help*, a novel by Kathryn Stockett. Considering to this problem, the writer wants to discuss about racial discrimination that relates to every elements in this novel, such as characters, settings and plot.

In America, as we know black people feel more noticed when Barack Obama has served as president. However, discrimination towards the black people is not stopped. Since the colonial era, black people in America involve in slavery. Black is assumed as the lower race. This is a human fact that exists and cannot be denied. For example, case of Halle Berry that sues her ex-husband for confiscating the right of her daughter as Afro-American. Her husband tries to change the appearance of her daughter as the white people, because he feels as the

black, her daughter will bring negative effects for her life. That problem is only one of many race discrimination cases that occur in United States. Because this problem, the writer want to observe more through this novel about everything that affected the author to invent this problem in her novel.

Regarding to the background of the author, Kathryn Stockett is the woman behind *The Help*. *The Help* is her debut as a novelist. Stockett grows up in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from the University of Alabama with a degree in English and Creative Writing, she moved to New York City. There she lives for 16 years and works in magazine publishing and marketing. She is divorced, and has a daughter. As a reflection of her first novel, Stockett is very close to an African-American domestic worker. When she was a child, she was took care by her black maid, Dimitrie. Dimitrie worked for her mother for years. Based on Stokett's experience living in Jackson, she wrote the novel. This novel is also adapted into a good movie with the same title. The movie is directed by Tate Taylor and casted by the popular Emma Stone.

The Help is a novel takes background of social issue about Afro-American maids that work in white household in Jackson, Mississippi, during the early 1960s. The characters revolve Skeeter, Aibileen, Minny, also Hilly Holbroks and Elizabeth Leefolt. Skeeter is a young passionate woman who tries to pursue her carrier as writer. She still lives with her parents in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from Ole Miss, she is accepted to write Miss Myrna's column at Jackson Journal, to give advices about housekeeping. Because she doesn't have experiences about to do the household, she asks Aibileen, the maid who works for her friend, Elizabeth Leefolt.

Aibileen is a Negro maid who has taken care of seventeen babies in her life time. She is capable to do housekeeping and cares for children. After her son died because of an accident, she lives alone and works for Leefolt. She takes care of Elizabeth's daughter, Mae Mobley. As a colored maid in white society, she is treated differently. She cannot use the same bathroom in Elizabeth's house, and also oftentimes, she is insulted because she is black. Not only Aibileen, Minny, another Negro maid also has the same case with her. Minny works for Mrs. Walter, Hilly Holbroks, also Skeeter's friend. Minny is fired because she rejects

Hilly's offering to be her maid. Because of it, Hilly spreads rumor that Minny steals her jewelry. Minny is very mad and gives Hilly her shit (feces-red) later into a pie. It makes Hilly very humiliated, but because her pride, she is not brave enough to spread this problem to her friends. Hard to find a job for Minny because of this matter, but later she meets Miss Celia, a young married woman from Sugar Ditch. She can continue to feed her children and her abusive husband because of Celia. Celia does not have friend in Jackson because Hilly does not like her married with her ex-boyfriend. Celia tries to enter community in Jackson, but later she realizes that it does not fit her, due to Minny.

Aibileen and Minny, later, agree to join Skeeter, to write their story as the maid for the white people. At the beginning, Skeeter purposely writes this story to pursue her bigger carrier offering from Miss Stein at Harper & Row, New York. But later, comes along with Aibileen and Minny's stories, also the other maid's statement about their employer, she feels empathy and she wants to help them, to get appreciation not only from their employer, but from white people in Jackson, the place where racism is very crucial and cruel. Through the book, Skeeter wants to show the community in Jackson about the struggle of the black maid to work in white societies, abandon their family to raise their employer's children.

The writer chooses this novel because it shows the struggle of a minority group to get appreciation from the majority. Struggle of Negro maids to raise children of their employers, while they have to abandon their children at home, is very ironic. They work very hard but their employers treat them like a disease, because they are blacks, and often times they pay less than what they deserve. This matter also is a reflection of the society structure of America. Racism is one of their problems since the colonial era, which until now is still unsolved.

B. Identification of The Problem

In this novel, the writer identifies many problems that can be theme. Racial discrimination, feminism, class struggle are the problems that occurred in this novel. But, to prevent the blurring of the problem, the writer picks a theme, which is about segregation race in Jackson, Mississippi. This novel is story about effort of the maids, as represent of black communities, to get appreciation from

their white employers in the middle of segregation race in Jackson. The maids here have been through struggle to raise their white children, but they are assumed as disease, dirty and lazy, because they are Negroes, and also they cannot get equality right as same as the white in many aspects. This problem will analyze through intrinsic and extrinsic concept.

C. Limitation of the Problem

As the identifying problem above, the writer also needs to limit problem in this novel, to give border towards the many assumptions that will occur beyond this story. As the problem that the writer picks limits to efforts of the maids to get appreciation from their employer. The writer gives assumption towards this novel that because of the segregation of races in Jackson, the Negro maids receive unfairly treatment from their employers. This problem, later, will be analyzed through intrinsic and extrinsic concept. From the intrinsic, the theme will correlated to the other elements such as characterization, setting and plot. And from the extrinsic concept, the writer picks sociology of literature, using genetic structuralism approach, with concept of world view.

D. Formulation of the Problem

1. How are the characterization and the social setting of this novel?
2. What is the worldview in *The Help* in the correlation to the extrinsic concept under circumstances of genetic structuralism?
3. Is the elaboration between the resume of intrinsic and extrinsic analysis reflect the worldview of racial discrimination in the novel?

E. The Objective of Research

1. To analyze the characterization and the social setting of this novel
2. To analyze the world view and the correlation to the extrinsic concept under circumstances of genetic structuralism
3. To elaborate between intrinsic and extrinsic concept to the theme to reflect the worldview toward segregation race in the novel

F. Method of Research

The type of this research is qualitative method which using data collection method. Qualitative refers a way of conducting, and conceiving of research. In qualitative research, the writer as researcher is the instrument or the tool for designing, collecting, and analyzing research. Novel *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett is the essential data, while other books or articles related to this research, functions as the secondary data to help this research.

G. Benefit of the Research

This research aims to develop the knowledge about literature and apply the theory of the literature, in this case theory of Lucienn Goldmann to the novel of Kathryn Stockett, *The Help*. For the knowledge, this research aims to add comprehension of Lucienn Goldmann's theory and the application to literature. For the readers, in this case, the student, this research intends to help developing point of view towards literature. Also help the student to find reference in the way to do their own research. For the commons, this research wants to introduce literature as an artistic product, which many meanings consist on it to give a lesson and reference in social life.

H. Systematic Research

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- ChapterIV consist of elaboration between the intrinsic and the extrinsic concepts
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