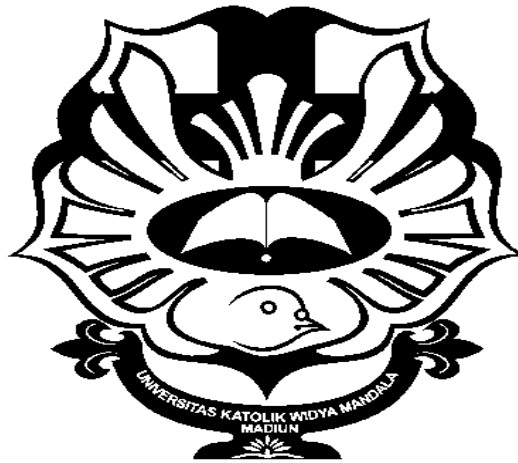


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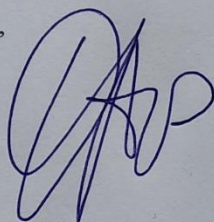
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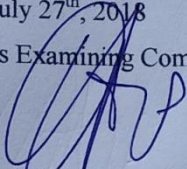
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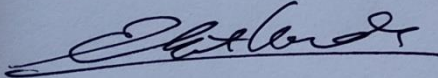
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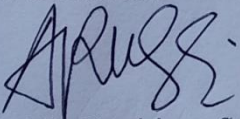
  
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## ABSTRACT

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The research is concerned with American Dream in *Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman*. The objectives of the research are to describe Willy Loman's bad attitudes and actions, describe Willy Loman's good attitudes and actions in achieving American dream, and to analyze the results of the American dream pursuit in the story. The first theory that is used in this research is American value to figure out Willy Loman's bad and good attitudes and actions and the second theory is American dream that is used to analyze the results of American dream pursuit. While, the method of this research, the writer used descriptive method, and for the technique of data collecting, the writer used document analysis. Then, there are two approaches that are used in the analysis namely sociological and psychological approaches.

In the research, the writer found the bad attitudes and actions in the story of *Death of a Salesman* through the main character, Willy Loman are maintaining his pride, manipulated by his thought, keeping on his unreal social status, and pretending to be rich. Moreover, the good attitudes and actions in this story are working hard, initiative and full of ambition, getting of opportunity, getting ready for the competition, and struggling for his family's life. Furthermore, the results of the main character in pursuing the American dream also found in this story, that are losing the real identity of life, getting jealous of the success of the other's life, living in life of full the illusion and delusional, being a stubborn man, being an arrogant man and the last ending with the unhappy ending life. In conclusion, the main character, Willy Loman could not reach his happiness of his life that is caused by his wrong perspective of his mind about achieving the American dream. And he decided to end his life by suicide himself to get the money insurance for his family.



## ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini berkaitan dengan impian Amerika dalam karya Arthur Miller yang berjudul *Death of a Salesman*. Tujuan-tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menjelaskan sikap dan perbuatan Willy Loman yang tidak baik, mendeskripsikan sikap dan perbuatan Willy Loman yang baik, dan menganalisa hasil akhir dalam mencapai impian Amerika tersebut. Teori pertama yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah teori nilai-nilai Amerika yang digunakan untuk menemukan sikap dan perbuatan yang tidak baik maupun yang baik dan teori kedua adalah impian Amerika yang digunakan untuk menganalisa hasil akhir dalam mencapai impian Amerika tersebut. Sedangkan untuk metode penelitian ini, penulis menggunakan deskriptif metode dan teknik pengumpulan data yang digunakan adalah analisis dokumen. Kemudian, ada dua pendekatan yang diterapkan dalam analisa yaitu pendekatan sosiologi dan psikologis.

Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menemukan sikap dan perbuatan yang tidak baik dalam cerita *Death of a Salesman* melalui pemeran utama Willy Loman yaitu, menjaga harga dirinya, dimanupulasi oleh pola pikirnya, mempertahankan status sosial palsunya, dan menanggapi dirinya kaya. Selain itu, sikap dan perbuatan yang baik dalam cerita ini adalah bekerja keras, inisiatif dan penuh ambisi, mendapatkan kesempatan, bersiap dalam pertandingan, dan berjuang untuk kehidupan keluarganya. Selanjutnya, hasil akhir dari pemeran utama dalam mencapai impian Amerika juga dapat ditemukan dalam cerita ini, yaitu kehilangan jati dirinya sendiri, cemburu terhadap keberhasilan orang lain, hidup dalam kehidupan yang penuh ilusi dan khayalan, menjadi lelaki yang keras kepala, menjadi lelaki yang arogan dan terakhir berakhirnya dengan kehidupan yang tidak bahagia. Kesimpulannya, pemeran utama, Willy Loman tidak dapat mencapai kebahagiaannya dalam kehidupan disebabkan oleh pemikiran perpektifnya yang salah tentang mencapai impian Amerika tersebut. Dan dia memutuskan untuk mengakhiri hidupnya dengan membunuh dirinya sendiri untuk mendapatkan uang asuransi untuk keluarganya.

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