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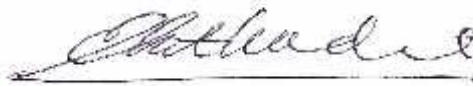
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but whatever you do,
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ABSTRACT

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The objectives of this research are (1) to find out the causes of Hester Prynne's loneliness in *The Scarlet Letter* and (2) to show the effects of Hester Prynne's loneliness toward herself, Pearl, and Arthur Dimmesdale. This research focuses on the main character, namely Hester Prynne. Then, this research uses online sources and articles as the references. Furthermore, this research applies five theories: character, characterization, psychology, puritanism, and loneliness. Psychological and sociological approaches were used to analyze the problems. Library research is applied for the method data collection. The result of the research shows that there are two causes of Hester Prynne's loneliness in *The Scarlet Letter*. The first is violation of Puritanism rules and the second is Hester Prynne's adultery. Puritanism is an era in which everyone should have behavior that is based on the principles of strict moral and religion. On the contrary, Hester Prynne makes a close relationship with the priest in her place. Consequently, she must be responsible for her sin because their behavior in expressing love is in contradiction with the custom of society. There are the effects that should be accepted from this incident, especially for Hester Prynne, Pearl, and Arthur Dimmesdale. Hester Prynne is not only becomes despaired, shameful, depressed, but also strong. She believes that God will give the grace of forgiveness for her. Pearl becomes Hester Prynne's spirit in her life. Meanwhile, Arthur Dimmesdale becomes hypocrite, self punished, and depressed until he passes away because of his great sin that he has done.

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Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah (1) untuk mengetahui penyebab kesendirian Hester Prynne di novel *The Scarlet Letter* dan (2) untuk menunjukkan pengaruh kesendirian Hester Prynne terhadap dirinya sendiri, Pearl, dan Arthur Dimmesdale. Penelitian ini fokus pada karakter utama, yaitu Hester Prynne. Kemudian, penelitian ini menggunakan sumber-sumber dari internet dan artikel sebagai referensi. Selanjutnya, penelitian ini menerapkan lima teori: karakter, karakterisasi, psikologi, puritanisme, dan kesendirian. Pendekatan psikologis dan sosiologis digunakan untuk menganalisa masalah. Data kepustakaan diterapkan dalam metode pengumpulan data. Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa ada dua sebab dari kesendirian Hester Prynne di *The Scarlet Letter*. Pertama adalah pelanggaran dari aturan puritanisme dan yang kedua adalah perzinahan Hester Prynne. Puritanisme adalah era yang setiap orang harus memiliki perilaku yang didasarkan pada prinsip-prinsip yang ketat pada moral dan agama. Sebaliknya, Hester Prynne membuat hubungan erat dengan seorang imam di tempatnya. Oleh karena itu, dia harus bertanggung jawab atas dosanya karena perbuatan mereka dalam mengungkapkan cinta bertentangan dengan kebiasaan masyarakat. Ada akibat yang harus diterima dari kejadian ini, khususnya bagi Hester Prynne, Pearl, and Arthur Dimmesdale. Hester Prynne tidak hanya putus asa, malu, depresi, tapi juga menjadi kuat. Dia percaya bahwa Tuhan akan memberikan rahmat pengampunan kepadanya. Pearl menjadi penyemangat Hester Prynne dalam menjalani kehidupannya. Sedangkan Arthur Dimmesdale menjadi munafik, menghukum dirinya sendiri, dan depresi hingga akhirnya dia meninggal akibat dosa yang dilakukan.

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