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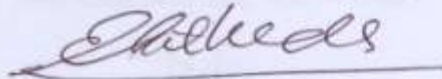
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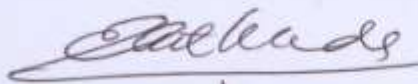
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ABSTRACT

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The aim of this writing was to find the similarities and the differences of Oedipus complex which was done by the main characters Eben in Eugene O’Neill’s *Desire Under the Elms* and Oedipus in Sophocles’ *Oedipus Rex*. This thesis focused on two objectives of the study. They were the similarities and the differences of Oedipus complex toward the main character in Eugene O’Neill’s *Desire Under the Elms* and Sophocles’ *Oedipus Rex*.

The problems were analyzed by using the theory of psychoanalysis, theory of Oedipus complex and theory of characters. Besides that, some approaches such as psychological approach, sociological approach, psychoanalytical approach and moral approach were also applied to analyze the problems. In finding the Oedipus complex, the library research and internet browsing were used. Eugene O’Neill’s *Desire Under the Elms* and Sophocles’ *Oedipus Rex* were the primary data of this writing.

The finding showed that the main characters of those two plays experienced the similarities and the differences of Oedipus complex. The similarities of Oedipus complex which was done by Eben in *Desire Under the Elms* and Oedipus in *Oedipus Rex* were loving the mother and quarreling with the father, while differences were focused on the reason and the way of possessing the mother and rebelling toward the father. Eben is always quarreling with his father, Ephraim, for everything that his father gets, especially his father woman. He meets Abbie, his stepmother, they fall in love to each other, then, make affair. Unlike Eben, Oedipus comes to Thebes and kills his own father, King Lauis. He is offered to be a king who finally marries his own mother, Jocasta. All of the things happen to Oedipus because of his fate.

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui Oedipus complex yang dilakukan oleh tokoh utama Eben dalam drama karangan Eugene O'Neill berjudul *Desire Under the Elms* dan tokoh utama Oedipus dalam drama karangan Sophocles berjudul *Oedipus Rex*. Penulis membahas dua permasalahan, yaitu persamaan dan perbedaan dari Oedipus complex yang dilakukan oleh tokoh utama dalam kedua drama tersebut.

Teori yang dipakai dalam penelitian ini mencakup teori psikologi, teori Oedipus complex dan teori tokoh. Sedangkan empat macam pendekatan yang diterapkan dalam menganalisis masalah dalam penelitian ini diantaranya pendekatan psikologis, pendekatan psikanalisis, pendekatan sosial, dan pendekatan moral. Dalam pengumpulan data, penulis menerapkan kajian kepustakaan, dimana semua data diambil dari sumber tertulis termasuk dari internet. Sumber utama data diambil dari drama berjudul *Desire Under the Elms* dan *Oedipus Rex*.

Penemuan menunjukkan bahwa Eben dan Oedipus memiliki persamaan dan perbedaan dalam melakukan Oedipus complex. Eben dan Oedipus mengalami hal yang sama, yaitu mencintai ibu dan berselisih dengan ayah mereka masing-masing. Sedangkan, perbedaannya terletak pada alasan dan cara dalam merealisasikan Oedipus complex tersebut. Eben selalu berselisih dengan ayahnya dalam segala hal, terutama dalam hal memiliki wanita. Eben berjumpa dengan Abbie yang merupakan ibu tirinya. Mereka saling jatuh cinta dan kemudian menjalani hubungan gelap. Hal itu berbeda dari yang dialami Oedipus. Oedipus berpindah ke Thebes dan membunuh ayahnya. Dia diangkat menjadi raja dan menikahi ibu kandungnya. Semua hal yang terjadi pada Oedipus merupakan takdirnya.

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