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ABSTRACT

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This research discusses the characteristics of the Goddesses of Greek Mythology that are symbolized in Rita Dove's "Demeter Waiting" and "Persephone, Falling." The aims of this research are to find out the characteristics of the Goddess of Greek Mythology and to analyze the symbols dealing with the characteristics of the Goddess of Greek Mythology in Rita Dove's "Persephone, Falling" and "Demeter Waiting."

In finding the data, library research was applied as the technique of collecting the data. The data consists of the ideas related to the characteristics of the Goddesses of Greek Mythology that are symbolized through Rita Dove's poems. The theory of meaning, symbol, and character were applied in this research. Moreover, the approaches that were used are structural approach, sociological approach, moral approach, and philosophical approach.

The result of this research is on Demeter's characteristics which are describe as they are being passionate in teaching, being maternal, and being protective by sacrificing herself for Persephone. Next, it also tells about Persephone's characteristics, that is, unadorned, stubborn, and unstable emotionally. Furthermore, by analyzing the characteristics and the symbols of those goddesses, the researcher knows that their characteristics represent mother and daughter relationship in which they always protect each other.

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Penelitian ini membahas sifat dewi-dewi di mitologi Yunani yang disimbolkan melalui puisi Rita Dove berjudul "Demeter Waiting" dan "Persephone, Falling." Tujuan penelitian ini yaitu untuk menemukan sifat-sifat yang dimiliki dewi-dewi Yunani dan untuk menganalisis simbol yang berhubungan dengan sifat-sifat tersebut di dalam puisi "Demeter Waiting" dan "Persephone, Falling."

Penulis menerapkan studi pustaka dalam mengumpulkan data. Data terdiri atas ide-ide yang mengacu pada sifat dewi-dewi di mitologi Yunani yang disimbolkan melalui puisi Rita Dove. Peneliti menerapkan teori makna, teori simbol, dan teori penokohan dalam penelitian ini. Selain itu, pendekatan yang diterapkan antara lain pendekatan struktural, pendekatan sosial, pendekatan moral, dan pendekatan filosofis.

Hasil dari analisis ini fokus pada sifat Demeter yang digambarkan sebagai sifat yang selalu mengajari putrinya dengan penuh semangat, sifat keibuan, dan sifat yang senantiasa mengorbankan dirinya sendiri demi Persephone. Berikutnya, analisis ini juga menjelaskan sifat-sifat Persephone yang lugu, keras kepala, dan tidak stabil emosinya. Melalui analisis ini, peneliti mengetahui bahwa sifat-sifat yang dimiliki Demeter dan Persephone menggambarkan sifat seorang ibu dan anak yang saling melindungi satu sama lain.

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