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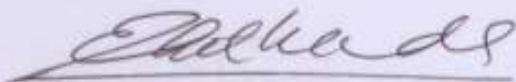
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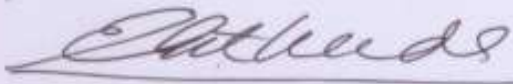
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This study is related to the characteristics and character development of the main character in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, Celie. There are three objectives of the study namely, (1) to find out Celie's characteristics, (2) to figure out the causes of Celie's character development, and (3) to explain the effects of Celie's character development in the novel. It is a descriptive research with the novel *The Color Purple* as the main source of data. The data were collected through library study and internet browsing. This research made use of the theories of character, characterization, psychology, personality, and personality development. Moreover, sociological and psychological approaches were applied to analyze the data. The data analysis shows as follows: (1) Celie's characteristics include weakness, patience, obedience, and lovability, (2) the causes of Celie's character development are sexual abuse done by Celie's stepfather and domestic violence done by Celie's husband and stepchildren, and (3) Celie's character development causes her to be a cheerful, brave, and hard worker woman.

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Penelitian ini membahas karakteristik dan perkembangan karakter Celie dalam novel *The Color Purple* karya Alice Walker. Penulis memiliki tiga tujuan penelitian yaitu, (1) untuk menemukan karakteristik Celie (2) untuk menggambarkan penyebab perkembangan karakter Celie, dan (3) untuk menjelaskan akibat dari perkembangan karakter Celie yang terdapat di dalam novel. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif pada novel *The Color Purple* karya Alice Walker sebagai sumber data utama. Sumber data yang digunakan yaitu penelitian kepustakaan dan penjelajahan internet. Penelitian ini mengaplikasikan teori karakter, psikologi, kepribadian, dan perkembangan kepribadian. Selain itu, pendekatan sosial dan pendekatan psikologi diterapkan untuk menganalisis data. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa: (1) karakteristik dari Celie meliputi kelemahan, kesabaran, kepatuhan, dan kemampuan mencintai, (2) penyebab dari perubahan karakter Celie diantaranya kekerasan seksual yang dilakukan oleh ayah tiri Celie dan kekerasan di dalam rumah tangga yang dilakukan oleh suami dan anak tiri Celie, (3) perkembangan karakter Celie mengakibatkan Celie menjadi wanita yang ceria, berani, dan pekerja keras.

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