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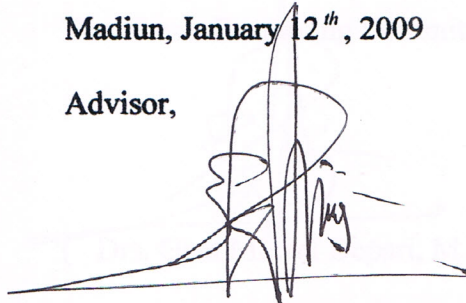
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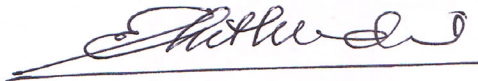
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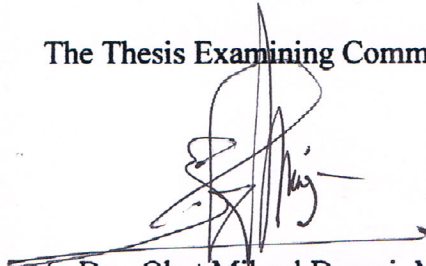
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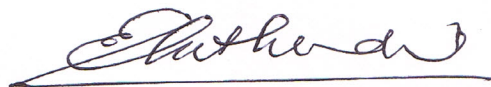
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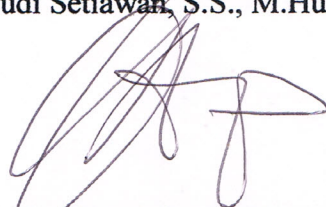
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ABSTRACT

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This research discusses the contrast or the difference between Tom Sawyer's and Huck Finn's Life in Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. There are three questions to answer. First, what are the differences between Tom Sawyer's and Huck Finn's Lifestyle? Second, what are the differences between Tom Sawyer's and Huck Finn's outlook on life? Third, how do Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn perceive to each other?

To achieve the objectives, the library research including internet browsing is done for collecting data. There are two kinds of data, namely primary data and secondary data. Primary data are taken from the novel itself, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The secondary data are obtained from the theory of character, characterization, personality, lifestyle, and conflict. Moreover, Psychological, sociological, and moral approach are applied to analyze the data in this thesis.

The first difference between Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn is their lifestyle. Tom lives in a civilized household with an aunt who is deeply concerned with his welfare, tolerant of his boyish naughtiness and loves him. In contrast, Huck Finn is alone, has no home, and his father is the town drunkard who completely ignores his son. Thus, Huck has no one to take care of him. Tom goes to the accepted and respectable school. Meanwhile, Huck does not attend school. Instead he is free from any responsibility. The difference between Tom and Huck is also seen on Jackson's Island. Tom has guilty conscience over stealing food. In contrast, Huck feels no regret about having stolen certain items.

Second, they are different from outlook on life. Tom is filled with imaginative schemes, but they all come from adventure stories he has read. Tom is a dreamer, and Huck is always the practical or pragmatic person. As a member of society, Tom knows the bounds and limits of that civilized society and obeys to its rules and limitations. He is full of pranks and wild schemes, but always in the back of his mind are the rules of society which he obeys. Huck, who is an outcast, is not constrained by society's rules as Tom is.

Third, they are different from their perception toward each other. Tom envies Huck's freedom. As Tom envies Huck's free and easy life, Huck admires Tom's book-learning and sees Tom as a standard of civilized behavior. Huck also admires Tom as a respectable boy and willingly follows him.

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Skripsi ini mengkaji tentang perbedaan antara kehidupan Tom Sawyer dan Huck Finn dalam novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* karangan Mark Twain. Ada tiga pertanyaan yang akan dijawab disini. Pertama, apa perbedaan antara gaya hidup Tom Sawyer dan Huck Finn? Kedua, apa perbedaan antara sudut pandang Tom Sawyer dan Huck Finn tentang kehidupan? Ketiga, bagaimana perasaan Tom Sawyer dan Huck Finn terhadap satu sama lain?

Guna mencapai tujuan tersebut, penelitian kepustakaan termasuk mengakses internet digunakan untuk mengumpulkan data. Ada dua jenis data yakni data primer dan data sekunder. Data primer diambil dari novel itu sendiri, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Data sekunder diperoleh dari teori *character, characterization, personality, lifestyle, dan conflict*. Lebih lanjut, pendekatan sosiologis, psikologis, dan moral diterapkan untuk menganalisis data di skripsi ini.

Perbedaan pertama antara Tom Sawyer dan Huck Finn adalah gaya hidup mereka. Tom tinggal di rumah beradab dengan tantenya yang mencintainya, yang toleran dengan kenakalan-kenakalannya dan sangat perhatian dengan kesejahteraannya. Hal ini berbeda dengan Huck Finn. Huck Finn, seorang diri, tidak mempunyai rumah dan ayahnya adalah seorang pemabuk yang sangat mengabaikan anaknya. Dengan demikian, Huck tidak mempunyai seseorang yang memperhatikannya. Tom pergi ke sekolah yang terhormat dan terpadang. Sementara itu, Huck tidak pergi ke sekolah melainkan dia bebas dari tanggung jawab apapun. Perbedaan antara Tom dan Huck juga dapat terlihat saat mereka di Pulau Jackson. Tom merasa bersalah karena telah mencuri makanan. Sedangkan Huck tidak mempunyai rasa penyesalan karena telah mencuri barang-barang tertentu.

Kedua, mereka berbeda dalam sudut pandang tentang kehidupan. Tom penuh dengan imajinasi, tetapi mereka semua bersumber dari cerita-cerita petualangan yang dia baca. Tom adalah pemimpi, dan Huck adalah orang yang sederhana. Sebagai anggota masyarakat, Tom mengetahui batasan-batasan dalam masyarakat yang beradab itu. Dia penuh dengan rencana-rencana nakal, tetapi selalu di pikirannya adalah aturan-aturan masyarakat yang dia taati. Huck yang seorang buangan tidak terikat oleh aturan-aturan masyarakat seperti Tom.

Ketiga, mereka berbeda dalam perasaan mereka terhadap satu sama lain. Tom iri dengan kebebasan yang dimiliki Huck. Jika Tom iri dengan kehidupan Huck yang mudah dan bebas, Huck memuja pengetahuan Tom dan melihat Tom sebagai sebuah patokan perilaku yang beradab. Huck juga memuja Tom sebagai anak yang terhormat dan bersedia mengikutinya.

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