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- My brothers and my sisters.
- My Dearest one.
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ABSTRACT

Daisy Miller is one of James' novel that talks about cultural gap. There are many cultural conflicts between American and European. The aims of the study are: (1) to discover the cultural differences in Daisy Miller, (2) to describe the view of the society towards Daisy Miller in Daisy Miller, (3) to explain the American culture as represented by Daisy Miller in Daisy Miller. The data corpus consists of all words, phrases, clauses and further discourse. They are in the form of dialogues. Meanwhile, in data collection, library research including internet browsing is applied. Then, in this research, sociological approach is used.

In this thesis, the study wants to discuss about the cultural differences between America and Europe. In *Daisy Miller* Henry James presents the Americans who has settled in Europe live in a luxurious life. It can be seen from their life style. They stay from one hotel to another and they like to hold parties. Daisy Miller is a visitor in Europe. She brings the pure American culture. The conflict appears when she considers to break the rules and norms in Europe. In that case, her pure American culture causes the contradiction from the society toward her. Her pure American culture are freedom, naturalness, and innocence. Daisy Miller considers that she has freedom to do what she likes without caring the opinion of the people.

ABSTRAK

Daisy Miller merupakan salah satu novel James yang menceritakan tentang perbedaan kebudayaan. Terdapat banyak pertentangan kebudayaan antara orang Amerika dan orang Eropa. Penulis mempunyai tujuan dalam penulisan thesis ini, yaitu: (1) menemukan perbedaan kebudayaan di dalam novel Daisy Miller, (2) menggambarkan pandangan-pandangan masyarakat terhadap Daisy Miller di dalam novel Daisy Miller, (3) menjelaskan tentang kebudayaan-kebudayaan Amerika yang digambarkan oleh tokoh Daisy Miller di dalam novel Daisy Miller. Data bahan terdiri dari keseluruhan kata-kata, frase, clausa, dan percakapan. Data-data tersebut dalam bentuk dialog. Sementara itu, dalam pengumpulan data, penulis mengambil data dari perpustakaan dan browsing internet untuk melengkapi seluruh data yang diperlukan. Selanjutnya dalam penelitian ini, penulis menggunakan pendekatan sociological.

Dalam thesis ini, penulis membahas tentang adanya perbedaan kebudayaan antara Amerika dan Eropa. Di dalam novel Daisy Miller, Henry James menunjukkan bahwa orang-orang Amerika yang tinggal di Eropa mempunyai kehidupan yang mewah. Hal itu bisa dilihat dari gaya hidup mereka. Mereka tinggal dari satu hotel ke hotel lainnya dan mereka suka mengadakan pesta. Daisy Miller adalah pendatang di Eropa. Dia membawa kebudayaan asli Amerikanya. Masalah muncul ketika dia menentang hukum dan norma di Eropa. Dalam hal ini, kebudayaan asli Amerikanya menyebabkan kontradiksi dari masyarakat terhadapnya. Kebudayaan asli Amerikanya yaitu kebebasan, kealamiahan dan keluguan. Daisy Miller menganggap bahwa dia mempunyai kebebasan untuk melakukan sesuatu yang diinginkan tanpa peduli pendapat dari

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