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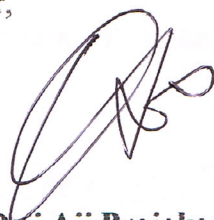
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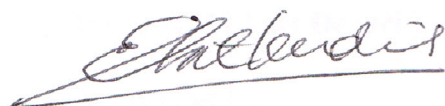
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ABSTRAKSI

Drama adalah salah satu bentuk kesusastraan yang dipertunjukkan di atas panggung atau dalam teater, dimana pemeran memerankan sebuah watak atau karakter yang ditampilkan lewat gaya, dialog dan aktivitas. Drama sebagai karya sastra dikatakan bermutu apabila drama tersebut memuat cerita yang bersumber dari kehidupan manusia yang dapat dirasakan dan dihayati oleh pembaca atau penonton.

Penulis mengambil salah satu drama yang berjudul *All My Sons*, yang ditulis oleh penulis ternama, Arthur Miller. Drama *All My Sons* menceritakan tentang keluarga Joe Keller, sebuah keluarga yang kehidupannya berkecukupan. Tetapi, Joe Keller, sebagai kepala keluarga belum puas dengan keadaan itu. Dia ingin mewujudkan impiannya untuk menjadi kaya, dan dengan kekayaan itu dia ingin membuat keluarganya bahagia.

Tujuan yang ingin dicapai dalam penulisan ini adalah: (1) menjelaskan impian Joe Keller, (2) menjelaskan sikap dan tindakan Joe Keller dalam mewujudkan impian, (3) menjelaskan akibat dari impian Joe Keller.

Dalam tesis ini, penulis menggunakan teori tentang American Dream, sikap dan tindakan dalam mewujudkan impian, dan teori pragmatisme. Selain itu, penulis juga menggunakan metode kepustakaan, dimana penulis mengumpulkan buku-buku tentang teori yang berhubungan dengan masalah yang dianalisis. Untuk mengolah data yang diperoleh, penulis menggunakan metode deduktif dan pendekatan filsafat.

Impian dari Joe Keller adalah membuat keluarganya bahagia. Dalam mewujudkan impiannya, Joe Keller bersikap sebagai seseorang yang egalitarian, optimis, ambisius, dan pragmatis. Sikap dan tindakan Joe Keller dalam mewujudkan impiannya itu berakibat positif dan negatif. Akibat positifnya, Joe Keller berhasil dalam mewujudkan sebagian impiannya, yaitu mendapatkan uang yang banyak. Tetapi akibat atau dampak negatifnya, Joe Keller gagal membuat keluarganya bahagia. Dia mendapatkan banyak tekanan dari keluarganya. Akhirnya, Joe Keller memutuskan bunuh diri untuk mempertanggungjawabkan perbuatannya.

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