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ABSTRACT

The title of this paper is Conflict Analysis of Main Character in The Novel “The Fault in Our Stars” by John Green. Conflict is a situation in which there are two opposing ideas, opinions, feelings or wishes. The Fault in Our Stars novel is the sixth novel by author John Green, published in January 2012. The story is narrated by a sixteen-year-old cancer patient named Hazel Grace Lancaster, who is forced by her parents to attend a support group where she subsequently meets and falls in love with the seventeen-year-old Augustus Waters, an ex-basketball player and amputee.

This study is focus on described conflicts in the main character (external and internal conflicts), and the presentation of the main character of the novel through the psychological aspect. The conflict is analyzed based on the theory of literature which is proposed by Kenney (1966) who divides conflicts into two types, external and internal conflict. The description of the presentation of the main character is analyzed based on the theory proposed by Bernhardt (1953) who divides the psychological aspect into want, emotions, and feelings.

The data of this study was taken from a novel entitled The Fault in Our Stars. The data was collected through documentary method. It was followed by reading the novel and the biography of the author, and was then followed by marking and taking notes of parts of the novel which related to the study, and then the data was categorized based on the theories.

The analysis brought some conclusions. Hazel as the main character is described as a very thoughtful character. That is why she gets a lot of wars between her mind, and gets a lot of conflicts with people around her. Beside that Hazel is just like another teenager who wants to have a normal life. Still she realizes that she has a cancer. The sources of her conflict appear because of wars in her own mind. She thinks too much until can not handle it. Then, after all the conflicts she is been through she finally realized that her life is totally fine. She is just need to be grateful of what has come and go in her life. Human are sometimes caught up in some of these conflicts everyday and conflict management is needed to resolve the conflict whether it is right or wrong. The outcome of conflict may be functional or dysfunctional depending on how they solve the problems.

Keywords: Conflict, Main Character, Internal Conflict, External Conflict.
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