ABSTRACT


Keywords: the sign in Saussure’s perspective, the definition of structuralism and semiotics, also the theory of theme.

Semiotics is a system of signs that express ideas. The sign is the whole that results from the association of the signifier and signified. Some people usually express their ideas in a written form then they write the system of signs, and of course through the words. Song lyric is a kind of forms of ideas’ expression where people could express their thought, feeling, and surely their ideas inside. This research discussed about self reliance theme which represent in Incubus’s lyrics. These data researches are taken from Incubus’s lyrics, and also represent the title in Incubus’s lyrics.

The researcher has used the theories that related to problem namely the sign in Saussure’s perspective (Saussure:1959), the definition of structuralism, semiotics, and the theory of theme (Rusel:1966). The theories that related with this research has been used to answer research question the way of self-reliance theme which represent in Incubus’s lyrics and the way of titles supporting self-reliance theme in Incubus’s lyrics.

Qualitative descriptive method used to examine and interpret the problem. Technique of collecting data has used library research. There are seven lyric taken from “Make Yourself” Incubus’s Album, the data were analyzed by elaborating the signs, recognizing the signs, Categorizing, and identifying the signs.

The result of this research in “Make yourself” lyrics is about the man who fight to control himself in order to influence the bad thing which can disturb his self reliance, “Drive” tells how to control ourself in other to uncontrolled by fear, “Pardon me” tells the characteristic of too confidence can make someone in danger for himself even it become a boomerang for his owns self, “Stellar” is about sexual relationship, “I miss you” talk about missing someone whom loved by someone, “the warmth” tells about warm feeling in enjoy the life with full of self reliance inside, “privilege” tells about human rights and responsibilities in life. Then the songs of Incubus has a complete variety of themes, the title of the song that supports self-reliance theme is all the songs in “make yourself” album.

After analyzing the all titles of the song in Make yourself album can be concluded that the all tittles in the album are supported to self-reliance theme, especially the songs that have been analyzed by researchers. The song titles are; "make yourself", "Drive", “Pardon me”, “Stellar”, "warmth", "I miss you ", and “Privilege”. Based on those explanations, the song of Incubus has a theme of Self Reliance. Finally, the researcher suggests to the readers to improve the discourse of literature especially in semiotic realm about structuralism and sign to make better writing.