ABSTRACT

Muhammad Fajar Nursyahid (205 102 498): The Values of Heroism on the Main Character of Frodo Baggins in Jhon Ronald Reuel Tolkien’s Novel The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

Novel can talk about romantic story, tragic story, comic story, and heroic story. Even all of them can be covered in a novel, the object of this reasearch is analyzes one of J. R. R. Tolkien’s novels: The Lord of the Rings: the Fellowship of the Ring. This reasearch is limited to the main character of this novel, Frodo Baggins as central hero, who has a great obligation in his life; he has to destroy the Ring due to its dark-forced ability in resulting destruction in Frodo’s time and in the future as the ring bearer. In this case, the unique character of Frodo Baggins is interesting to analyze especially values of heroism and the possibilities of other influences that can occur. It is important to remember that a reader’s novel could explore of the values of heroism in the novel since the novel can a resource data provides values of heroism.

In order to analyze more on values of heroism, I take theoretical underpinning, firstly I explain values of heroism in literature and so I describe values of heroism as part of morality to make the analysis easier with using pragmatic approach. This approach analyzed the main character from the context of moral understanding. There is function of literature ‘utile and dulce’ or we can say that literature has within it aesthetic value and ethical value, so I explain moral as a massage for a reader by it reveals focusing on moral-understanding approach of by Palmer in the story, and I use descritive method for this reasearch.

This analysis showed that values of heroism of the main character of Frodo Baggins. Frodo Baggins is a mere hobbit who never thinks to become an important role in saving the Middle-earth, the place where he and other races live in The Lord of the Rings. There is a kind of process of finding the true personality, which is the developed-personality into a mature of Frodo. It involves the influences from his surrounding – the interaction to other creatures that he has never met before. He has to make decisions, has to deal with many different ways of thinking that can influence his personality. Until he has which make him capable of taking and destroying the Ring to Mount Doom

As conclusion, there are some values of heroism Frodo Baggins. These values are pride, dignity, courage, willingness, as well as responsibility. These values of heroism can be taken out from Frodo Baggins for there are influences from his friends and relatives as well as his environment that can affect Frodo’s life in his journeys and his way of thinking.