

ABSTRACT

Wulansari: The Other Characters' Treatments Toward Isabel Archer's Personality Development in Henry James' The Portrait of a Lady.

The aim of the writer in writing this thesis was derived from her curiosity to be able to answer the unsolved problem offered in this novel. The large number of the other characters in this novel has evoked the writer to observe their basic significant and possible roles in influencing the protagonist's life and the wholeness of the theme. The writer limited her observation on the seven characters, both the major and the minor characters, who take roles in the protagonist's personality-shaping and life.

This study is worth doing since it scrutinized the protagonist's psychological problems and the other characters' treatments which finally influence the protagonist's personality development and life. The Portrait of a Lady can be our reflection on our own personalities, furthermore, to think about the possible variables which can influence our personalities, maturity, and self-integrity.

This study aimed to answer two things: first, to see the influence of the other characters' treatments toward Isabel Archer's personality development and second, to find out the value of this novel which can be implied to teaching English as a foreign language. Finally the writer's method in writing this thesis by discussing the other characters' treatments toward the protagonist could hopefully find out a possible way of teaching and interpreting novels.

Therefore to answer the problems, the writer used the psychological and the pragmatic approach. The analyzed novel is rich with psychological problems and terms. Here the writer tries to see the possible psychological pattern within this work of literature. She studied the protagonist's life, marriage, and final personality development by observing the influence from the seven characters who devote and focus their life to the protagonist. The writer used the pragmatic approach to get the detail information to be able to catch the author's message conveyed in this novel.

Finally, the writer discovers the values of this novel which basically help us understand more deeply about the significant roles of the other characters in the protagonist's life. This novel can also be the readers' life reflection, since it talks much about personality-shaping and the variables which can influence one's personality development.