

ABSTRACT

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This thesis discusses *The Metamorphosis*, a novel written by Franz Kafka. It is about the life of diligent and dedicated young traveling salesman, Gregor Samsa, on whose income his family depends. One day, out of nowhere he experiences a physical transformation into a disgusting giant insect which shocks the whole family and his boss.

The reason of writing this thesis is derived from the writer's curiosity to understand more about the development of the main character's personality Gregor Samsa, and the influences of his family and environment toward his personality development. Because of the reason above, I have draw the following problems that are the bases of writing the thesis. They are: (1) How does Gregor's personality develop? (2) How do Gregor's family and environment influence his personality development?

This study applies a library research. There are two kinds of source. The primary source is the story itself, *The Metamorphosis*, and the secondary sources are obtained from several books on literature and sources on the biography of the author in the internet. In answering the problems, several theories on literature and psychology are applied. They are Theory on Character, Theory on Characterization, and Theory on Psychology.

I decided to use psychological approach to analyze my thesis because this thesis analyzes the psychological development of the main character, Gregor Samsa in the story *The Metamorphosis*.

Finally I analyze that the influences of family and environment to the development of Gregor's personality that becomes weak and introvert after his metamorphosis because of the rudeness of his father and his isolation by his environment. His family tries to kick out him off from the Samsa family. I conclude as the answer of the first problem formulation that Gregor's personality develops into an introvert creature who has lost his spirit to live.

The answer of the second problem is that Gregor's family and environment influence his personality development when they treat Gregor badly and isolate him after the metamorphosis. Gregor has lost his self confidence when his body changes into another creature.

Gregor's family and environment do not pay attention for his bad condition. He becomes a weak and introvert creature to his family and environment. Gregor cannot express his feeling to his family and environment. He chooses to be quite to feel his sadness. Finally, Gregor is dead because of starving and serious injury.

From the analysis above I can draw the conclusion that the treatment of the family and environment is the main factor to shape Gregor's personality.

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Skripsi ini mengenai sebuah novela karangan Franz Kafka yang berjudul *The Metamorphosis*. Novela ini mengisahkan tentang seorang wiraniaga keliling muda yang rajin dan berdedikasi. Gregor samsa, yang menjadi satu-satunya pencari nafkah dalam keluarganya. Pada suatu hari, secara tiba-tiba, dia mengalami perubahan fisik menjadi seekor serangga besar yang menjijikkan yang mengagetkan keluarganya dan juga atasannya.

Alasan pokok penulisan skripsi ini didasarkan pada keingintahuan saya untuk mengetahui lebih dalam tentang perkembangan kepribadian tokoh utamanya, yaitu Gregor Samsa dan pengaruh-pengaruh dari keluarga dan lingkungannya terhadap perkembangan kepribadian Gregor Samsa. Dikarenakan alasan-alasan diatas, saya menarik dua permasalahan yang menjadi dasar dalam penulisan skripsi ini. Permasalahan-permasalahan tersebut pertama, bagaimana kepribadian Gregor berkembang; dan yang kedua adalah bagaimana keluarga dan lingkungannya mempengaruhi kepribadian Gregor.

Studi ini menerapkan studi pustaka. Sebagai tambahan dan juga dimaksudkan untuk mencari biografi pengarang, saya juga melakukan pencarian data di internet. Ada dua jenis sumber. Sumber itu adalah data primer yang diambil dari cerita itu sendiri, yaitu *The Metamorphosis*, kedua adalah data sekunder yang didapatkan dari beberapa buku-buku literatur dan sumber-sumber tentang biografi pengarang di internet.

Dalam menjawab permasalahan-permasalahan tersebut, beberapa teori dalam literatur dan psikologi juga diterapkan. Teori-teori tersebut adalah Teori Karakter, Teori Karakterisasi dan Teori Psikologi.

Saya memutuskan untuk menggunakan pendekatan psikologi untuk menganalisa skripsi ini karena skripsi saya menganalisa perkembangan psikologi dari tokoh utamanya, yaitu Gregor Samsa pada novel *The Metamorphosis*.

Akhirnya saya menganalisa bahwa pengaruh kepribadian dari keluarga dan lingkungannya terhadap perkembangan kepribadian Gregor yang menjadi lemah dan tertutup sesudah metamorfosis dikarenakan sifat kasar dari ayahnya dan pengisolasian oleh lingkungannya. Keluarganya mencoba menendangnya keluar dari anggota keluarga Samsa.

Dari analisa di atas saya dapat menarik kesimpulan bahwa perlakuan dari keluarga dan lingkungan adalah faktor utama terbentuknya kepribadian Gregor.