

## ABSTRACT

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This study discusses the behavior change of the main character in the novel, *Night*, reflecting his devotion toward his father. The object of the study is a novel *Night* written by Elie Wiesel, focusing on the main character: Eliezer. Throughout the story in the novel, the changing of social environment is obvious. Therefore, this study aims to reveal Eliezer's behavior change that reflects his devotion toward his father affected by the social environment.

The objectives of this study are finding the description of the social environment where Eliezer and his father live, finding how Eliezer's devotion to his father is portrayed, and revealing the impact of the social environment toward Eliezer's behavior change that reflects his devotion to his father.

In this study, the researcher used library research and used a psychological approach to analyze the novel to find out the behavior change. The main source of this research is the novel *Night*. The grand theory used to analyze this work is behavior change by Kurt Lewin.

It is found that the social environment, Sighet, and Buchenwald, where Eliezer and his father ever lived were ignorant and individualistic. Those two social environments have a direct impact, as a driving force, on Eliezer's devotion toward his father. Furthermore, Eliezer's portrayals in the novel are religious, resourceful, obedient, and disciplined which later became his restraining force not to change his behavior. Eliezer's portrayal in the novel shows his personality and background to know the changing of his devotion toward his father. In conclusion, Eliezer experiences three phases of behavior change: unfreezing phase while he was in Sighet, movement phase, and refreezing phase occur in the same place while in Buchenwald. Eliezer's behavior changes reflect his devotion to his father affected by the social environment around him, and he decided not to change his behavior permanently.

**Keyword:** *Behavior Change, Devotion, Setting*

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Penelitian ini membahas tentang perubahan perilaku tokoh utama dalam novel *Night*, yang mencerminkan ketaatan kepada ayahnya. Objek penelitian adalah novel *Night* karya Elie Wiesel dengan fokus tokoh utama, Eliezer. Di sepanjang cerita dalam novel, perubahan lingkungan sosial terlihat jelas. Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengungkap perubahan perilaku Eliezer yang mencerminkan ketaatan terhadap ayahnya yang dipengaruhi oleh lingkungan sosial disekitarnya.

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui gambaran lingkungan sosial tempat tinggal Eliezer dan ayahnya, mengetahui bagaimana ketaatan Eliezer terhadap ayahnya digambarkan, dan mengungkap pengaruh lingkungan sosial terhadap perubahan perilaku Eliezer yang mencerminkan ketaatan kepada ayahnya.

Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menggunakan studi pustaka dan menggunakan pendekatan psikologis untuk menganalisis novel agar mengetahui perubahan perilaku. Sumber utama penelitian ini adalah novel *Night*. Teori utama yang digunakan untuk menganalisis karya ini adalah perubahan perilaku oleh Kurt Lewin.

Diketahui bahwa lingkungan sosial, Sighet dan Buchenwald, tempat Eliezer dan ayahnya pernah tinggal, tidak peduli dan individualistis. Kedua lingkungan sosial tersebut berdampak langsung, sebagai *driving force*, pada ketaatan Eliezer terhadap ayahnya. Lebih jauh, penggambaran Eliezer dalam novel ini bersifat religius, banyak akal, patuh, dan disiplin yang kemudian menjadi *restraining force* untuk tidak mengubah perilakunya. Penggambaran Eliezer dalam novel tersebut menunjukkan keperibadian dan latar belakangnya mengetahui perubahan ketaatan kepada ayahnya. Kesimpulannya, Eliezer mengalami tiga fase perubahan perilaku: fase *unfreezing* saat dia di Sighet, fase *movement* dan juga fase *refreezing* terjadi di tempat yang sama saat dia di Buchenwald. Perubahan perilaku Eliezer mencerminkan ketaatan kepada ayahnya yang dipengaruhi oleh lingkungan sosial di sekitarnya dan dia memutuskan untuk tidak mengubah perilakunya secara permanen.

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