

STUDY ON PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE OF THE MAIN CHARACTER IN DANIELLE STEEL'S NOVEL "RANCH"

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The writer realized that literature can be used to know and add the experience of life. Literature is one of sources that someone may find the description of real life. It covers many aspects of life and it is considered as a mirror of society that is created based on the author's imagination. In this study, the writer appreciates the novel about the main character's psychological pressure in facing the difficulties.

The purpose of this study is to discover the three issues stated in problems statements. Some activities were done to reach the purpose of the study. Firstly, analyzing, understanding, and comprehending the novel. Secondly, searching problems dealing with the purpose of study. Then, drawing conclusion based on result data analysis.

Moreover, this study uses descriptive method, and this method is used to review the literary research to provide the data. Then, the data are carefully selected and examined to reach the best result of study. And the technique used in this study is library research in which most of information used as sources of study are taken from references: books, dictionaries, and encyclopedias in library.

In this novel, there are three main characters, they are Mary Stuart, Tanya Thomas, and Dr Zoe Phillips. The result of this study shows that there are three main characters' psychological pressure. First, Mary Stuart has psychological pressure when she feels lonely in her family and she doesn't have happiness that she had ever had. She needs love and attention from her husband when she loses her son, but her husband always blames her on their son's death. Second, Tanya Thomas has pressure when she loses her husbands. She doesn't have true love, and she lost everything in her life. The third is Dr Zoe Phillips who has been infected by AIDS. She worries about her daughter because of AIDS, and she has to be careful and patient caring her baby.

Beside the main characters' psychological pressure above, this study also discussed about the effects of the main characters' psychological pressure toward themselves. First, the effects of Mary Stuart's psychological pressure toward herself are: 1) She decides to evaluate herself what she must do in the future. 2) She wants to divorce her husband because their family is not harmony anymore. 3) There was someone in Wyoming who cared about her and loved her, but she didn't have guts to say it, because she still chose her husband. Second, the effects of Tanya Thomas's psychological pressure toward herself are: 1) She wants to forget her bad experience. 2) She has new life when she felt interest with Gordon who worked as wrangler in ranch. Third, the effects of Dr Zoe Phillips's psychological pressure toward herself are:

1) She wanted to take a vacancy in Wyoming because of AIDS. 2) She didn't feel worried anymore because her friends were willing to take care her daughter when next she died.