

THE CLASS STRUGGLES OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE PROLETARIAT
IN DEFENDING AND DESTROYING THE DICTATORSHIP IN
PRAMOEDYA'S *THIS EARTH OF MANKIND*

Abstract

This Earth of Mankind reveals a dictatorship between bourgeoisies toward proletariat. The border of discussion regarding the bourgeoisies is limited to the Dutch men, the Mellemas while the proletariat is a native Javanese, Nyai Ontosoroh who is a mistress of Herman Mellema. The bourgeoisies have full of authorization and on contrast, the proletariat was less authoritative.

This Earth of Mankind exposes the class struggles of the bourgeoisie in maintaining the dictatorship and the proletariat in eliminating the dictatorship. Furthermore, both classes described as figures of different folk, the bourgeoisie and the proletariat in which each shows their struggle in a dictatorship, especially in guarding and destroying dictatorship. Attempting to answer the question "how both major characters are depicted to attain the class struggle in maintaining and eliminating dictatorship" the discussion is focusing on the struggles of Herman Mellema as the representative of the bourgeoisies and Nyai Ontosoroh as the representative of the proletariat. This study used Marxist theory about the class struggle by Karl Marx and Frederic Engel. The study revealed the characterizations of the characters in represent of their social class showed the class struggle in the dictatorship.

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