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SUMMARY

ESTHER GREENWOOD’S PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFLICTS
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A PSYCHOANALYTIC CRITICISM

Psychoanalysis is a branch of psychology. Psychoanalysis is a psychology of
the unconscious; its interests were in the areas of motivation, emotion conflict,
neurotic symptoms, dreams, and character traits.

Psychoanalysis focuses its study on human being. The objectives of the study
are to identify the indicator of Esther’s psychological conflict, to identify what
causes the psychological conflict in the self of Esther, and to explain the way Esther
tries to solve the problem of her psychological conflict.

In analyzing the novel, the writer uses Sigmund Freud’s Psychoanalysis
Criticism, and qualitative research. The object of the study is The Bell Jar by Silvia
Plath. Types of data and data source are divided into two categories, primary data
and secondary data. The primary data source is taken from the novel The Bell Jar by
Sylvia Plath. The secondary data are taken from official website, related theories,
etc.

The outcome of the study shows that Sylvia Plath illustrates a psychological
phenomenon when an individual experiences an inner conflict because the
differences desire in her. She attempts to cover her conflict uses aggression.
Aggression is the way to solve the problem by ending the life. She is inclined to use
a physical aggression; a forceful action especially when intended to dominate.
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