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They can because they think they can

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Turn your cant’s into can, your dreams into plans

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The major problem of this study is the optimistic view of life reflected in 
Eleanor Porter’s Pollyanna (1913). The aims of this study are to describe 
Pollyanna portrayal in Eleanor H. Porter’s Pollyanna novel, to explain Pollyanna’s 
self-concept in novel, and to describe needs and motives underlie Pollyanna’s 
behavior. This study focuses on the major character, namely Pollyanna.

The type of the study is qualitative research. The method of data 
collection is document analysis, while the technique of data analysis is 
descriptive analysis in which the researcher interprets the text and the content 
relating to the psychological of the major character. This study uses two data 
sources, namely primary and secondary data source. The primary data source of 
the study is the novel itself, Eleanor Porter’s Pollyanna novel. The secondary data 
sources are Biography of the author namely Eleanor Porter, websites in the 
internet about Pollyanna, and other resources which support to analyze.

The outcome of this study shows the following conclusion. Firstly, based 
on the portrayal analysis of Pollyanna, the researcher concludes that Pollyanna 
as the major character in this novel has flat character. Pollyanna’s character has 
one side of personality, namely positive. From the beginning of the story until 
the end of the story, Pollyanna’s personal identity, physical qualities, moral 
qualities, mental qualities, and social qualities are positive. Secondly, based on 
humanistic psychological analysis of Carl Rogers, Eleanor H. Porter’s Pollyanna 
novel shows that the major character, Pollyanna, builds herself concept by 
building positive self concept. Thirdly, based on humanistic psychological analysis 
of Abraham Maslow, Pollyanna’s behavior generally is based on belongingness 
and love needs.

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