

ABSTRACT

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This study discusses the development of Catherine's character as the main character in the novel *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen. This study aims to find out Catherine's character and to know how Catherine's character develops. This study uses a descriptive qualitative method based on objective theory which focuses on examining literary works from intrinsic elements, such as theme, characters and characterization, setting and plot. In this study, the writer found that Catherine's character is naive, innocent, and imaginative in her way of thinking due to her lack of experience. Catherine's character development occurred due to the experiences she gained during her journey to Bath and *Northanger Abbey* and made Catherine's character more mature, realistic and wise.

Keywords: Character, Character Development, Novel

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Penelitian ini membahas tentang perkembangan karakter Catherine sebagai tokoh utama dalam novel Northanger Abbey karya Jane Austen. Tujuan penelitian ini: 1) Mengetahui karakter Catherine, dan 2) Mengetahui bagaimana perkembangan karakter Catherine. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif berdasarkan teori objektif yang menitikberatkan pada kajian karya sastra dari unsur intrinsiknya, seperti tema, tokoh dan penokohan, latar dan alur. Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menemukan bahwa karakter Catherine adalah orang yang naif, polos, dan imajinatif dalam cara berpikir karena kurangnya pengalaman. Perkembangan karakter Catherine terjadi karena pengalaman yang diperolehnya selama perjalanan ke Bath dan Northanger Abbey dan menjadikan karakter Catherine lebih dewasa, realistis dan bijaksana.

Kata Kunci: Karakter, Novel, Perkembangan Karakter