

ABSTRACT

Titin Agustina Kusumawardani. 2019. **SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

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This study is conducted to analyze social conditions of the working class during the industrial revolution in A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. There are three problems analyzed in this study. The first problem is how are the social conditions of working class in the real life during the Industrial Revolution. The second is how is the life of the working class reflected in the nove., The third is how are social class differences between the upper class and the lower class reflected in the novel and real life.

In conducting this research, the writer uses descriptive qualitative method. She approaches the data with Abrams theories, Objective Theory, Mimetic Theory, and Marxist by Karl Marx.

There are several things found in this thesis. The writer finds conditions of the working class in the novel which is represented by Bob Cratchit, who is treated poorly by his employer whose named Ebenezer Scrooge. Living conditions is worst, the working class lives in the slums, lives cramped in a small house, and shares private facilities. Working conditions of working class are harsh and dangerous. Many of them work in factories, mines and spinning mills. The women were also forced to work to help running household, although they earn low salary. The difference in social class between upper class and lower class is clearly seen in the novel. The upper class is represented by Ebenezer Scrooge. He is a miser, squeezer, and hoarder of wealth. The lower class is represented by Bob Cratchit, he is a poor clerk, and treated badly by Scrooge. Bob is only paid fifteen shillings a week, and does not give a Christmas holiday. In the real life the upper class oppresses the lower classes, the upper class is also snob, consumptive, and materialistic. The lower classes are poor and lack education and oppressed by the upper.

Key words: *working class, industrial revolution, social conditions.*

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Skripsi ini bertujuan untuk menganalisa keadaan social kaum buruh pada masa revolusi industri di dalam novel karya Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol. Terdapat tiga masalah utama yang dianalisa dalam skripsi ini. Permasalahan pertama adalah bagaimana keadaan social kelas pekerja di kehidupan nyata pada masa revolusi industry. Permasalahan kedua adalah bagaimana keadaan kelas pekerja yang tercermin di dalam novel. Permasalahan ketiga adalah bagaimana perbedaan kelas social yang tercermin antara kelas atas dan kelas bawah di dalam novel dan dunia nyata.

Dalam melaksanakan riset, penulis menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Penulis melakukan pendekatan terhadap data menggunakan teori dari Abrams, Teori Objektif, Mimetik, dan Marxist dari Karl Marx.

Ada beberapa hal yang berhasil ditemukan dalam skripsi ini. Penulis menemukan keadaan kelas pekerja di dalam novel yang diwakilkan oleh Bob Cratchit, dia diperlakukan buruk oleh majikannya bernama Ebenezer Scrooge. Kondisi hidup yang buruk, para kelas pekerja tinggal di daerah kumuh, tinggal berdesak – desakan di rumah yang sempit, dan saling berbagi perlengkapan pribadi. Keadaan kerja para kelas pekerja yang keras dan berbahaya. Banyak dari mereka yang bekerja di pabrik, pertambangan, dan pabrik pemintalan. Para perempuan juga terpaksa bekerja untuk membantu keperluan rumah tangga walaupun digaji rendah. Perbedaan kelas social antara kelas atas dan kelas bawah terlihat jelas di dalam novel. Kelas atas diwakili oleh Ebenezer Scrooge, dia orang yang kikir, pemeras, dan penimbun harta. Kelas bawah diwakili oleh Bob Cratchit, dia adalah juru tulis yang miskin, dan diperlakukan buruk oleh Scrooge. Bob hanya digaji lima belas shillings perminggu, dan tidak diberi libur Natal. Di dunia nyata kelas atas menindas kelas bawah, kelas atas juga bersifat sombong, boros, dan materialistik. Kelas bawah yang miskin dan kurang pendidikan ditindas oleh kelas atas.

Kata Kunci: kelas pekerja, revolusi industri, kondisi sosial.