

## LORD VOLDEMORT'S CHARACTER ANALYSIS IN J.K. ROWLING'S *HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE*

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**Abstrak:** Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan tipe tokoh serta karakter yang paling dominant dari Lord Voldemort selaku tokoh utama dalam novel Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince. Penelitian ini menerapkan pendekatan formalistik dan psikologi . masalah yang diteliti diformulasikan dalam: (1) Tipe tokoh utama dari Lord Voldemort dalam novel Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince, dan (2) Tokoh apa yang paling dominan yang muncul pada Lord Voldemort dalam novel tersebut?. Kedua pendekatan yang digunakan adalah untuk menganalisa, menguji serta memahami beberapa sifat tokoh utama didalam novel tersebut. Penulis juga melakukan kajian pustaka selama melakukan penelitian ini. Teori yang di aplikasikan untuk menganalisa tokoh utama sampai pada akhirnya menemukan satu tokoh yang paling dominan.

**Kata Kunci:** Tokoh, Penokohan.

**Abstract:** This research is aimed to find the character type of Lord Voldemort as described in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince and the most dominant character of Lord Voldemort using a formalistic and psychological approach. The writer formulates the problem by making the following questions: (1) what are the characters type of Lord Voldemort in the Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince novel?, (2) what is the dominant character of Lord Voldemort in the Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince Novel?. In the process of study and analysis of the character type of the main characters in the Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince novel, the writer uses a formalistic and psychological approach to analyze, examine and understand some of the main character's personality in a novel. The writer also conducts library research in completing this analysis. The theory used in analyzing the character until finally found one dominant character of the main character.

**Keywords:** Character, Characterization.

### INTRODUCTION

Harry Potter is an interesting story that many people like to read Harry Potter novel because the story is interesting and can make people feel curious with the next story. Every series has different story, the main purpose of the story is about Harry Potter face Lord Voldemort. In the sixth series of the novel, Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince, although the main character is Harry Potter, but character of Lord Voldemort who is the enemy of Harry Potter, becomes interesting to analyze since many flashback scenes that tell about Lord Voldemort's life before he became a strange black wizard in the world. Besides that, in this series, the character of Lord Voldemort is interesting to comprehend as we can see the character from Lord Voldemort starting when he was a child until he was adult and become a black wizard.

### METHOD

The character or personality of Lord Voldemort, as the main character in this novel will be analyzed using the psychological approach. Using the psychological approach through Subhan's theory, some types of characters of the Lord Voldemort and his dominant character will be revealed.

The writer used formalistic approach and psychology approach in analyzing the data. The writer used the approaches to answer the first question of

problem formulation which was stated in chapter one. The writer used to this approach to understand the character based on psychology.

### FINDING

The story is about struggle among Harry Potter, his friends and Dumbledore to get some information about Lord Voldemort. Lord Voldemort came back and it was a disaster for all people. Lord Voldemort wanted to be a strongest black wizard in the world. Before he got it, he was killed by Harry Potter but he never gave up. He asked his follower to awake him and finally he succeeded. Lord Voldemort came back and he wanted to kill Harry Potter. One day there was an incident in England. Some people were killed and Olivander a people that sell a wand was disappeared, and the situation in ministry of magic was at chaos. The prime minister of magic was replaced by Rufus Scrimgeour. All of people in the ministry were afraid of this situation and there was no one to brave enough to go anywhere alone. Harry Potter had assignment from Dumbledore to approach Horrace, a new teacher in Hogwarts. Harry Potter have gotten to Horrace to get information about Lord Voldemort in the past. After Harry got the information he might know how to kill Lord Voldemort, because there was a big secret to kill Lord Voldemort. Dumbledore said that Lord Voldemort was very strong and he could kill him easily. There are two findings that are elaborated in this chapter which are based on the research questions:

## 1. *The* characters type of Lord Voldemort

There are 16 Personalities Factor that Cattell's discovered which become reference in analyzing Katniss' personalities:

### 1. Protagonist Character

Based on the chapter 13 page 253, it told about the moment when the first time Dumbledore met to Lord Voldemort in the orphanage. Dumbledore met and asked him to study in his school, school of magic and they called Hogwarts. Some children that have special power, exactly study in that place, and study the kind of magic and how to control their power. In the first time Voldemort didn't believe that Dumbledore was a headmaster of the magic school, he thought that Dumbledore was a doctor that want to check him.

"Who are you?"

I have told you. My name is Professor Dumbledore and I work at a school called Hogwarts. I have come to offer you a place at my school – your new school, if you would like to come.

Riddle reaction to this was most surprising. He leapt from the bed and backed away from Dumbledore, looking furious.

You can't kid me! The asylum, that's where you're from, isn't it?"

Professor, yes, of course – well, I'm not going, see? That old cat's the one who should be in the asylum". (chapter 13;p.253)

The writer could found that Voldemort was a person that could not easy to lie. He could not easy to believe to someone that the first time he met. Although by the appearance of Dumbledore, he still did not believe that Dumbledore was a professor and also it could not influence his thought, but he believed that Dumbledore was a doctor that would ask him to the asylum.

On the chapter 13 page 257, the story was about Dumbledore told to Voldemort to prepared everything that he needed when he was in the school. Dumbledore told to Voldemort from the small things until the big things that he needed Dumbledore offered to Voldemort to accompany him to got everything that he needed, but Voldemort refused Dumbledore because he could lonely.

"You're coming with me? Asked Riddle, looking up

Certainly, if you\_

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The writer can tell that Voldemort is a independent person. He has done everything alone and never asked to other people to help him. Even he searched, he did not know. He was a strong person. He

could face everything alone, might it because he habitual did it. So, he never felt difficult to did that.

### 2. Antagonist Character

On chapter 4 page 63, Voldemort killed some people to made an army. He did that, for making strongest army, because after he killed, he used his power to made the people that had killed life again.

"They are corpses, said Dumbledore calmly.

Dead bodies that have been bewitched to do a Dark wizard's bidding. Inferi have not been seen for a long time, however, not since Voldemort was last powerful... he killed enough people to make an army of them, of course". (Chapter 4; p.63)

The writer found that Voldemort was cruel person. He killed some people and made them life again. He killed for himself and to made himself strong. He never felt care with some people that he had killed.

In chapter 13 p. 250, it was told about when Voldemort in the orphanage and when he was still a children. Dumbledore got some story about Voldemort when he was child from the keeper of the orphanage, her name was Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Cole told everything about Voldemort, she told that Voldemort was odd.

"She squinted at him as though deciding whether or not to trust him.

apparently she decided she could, because she said in a sudden rush.

He scares the other children.

You mean he is a bully? Asked Dumbledore

I think he must be, said Mrs. Cole, frowning slightly, but it's very hard to catch him at it". (Chapter 13;p.250)

The writer could tell that Voldemort was bad children. He had made his friends scared to him with everything that he did to them. He always covered up all of the things that he did to his friends and made Mrs. Cole could not prove it. Even though Mrs. Cole could not catch him, she still felt that Voldemort did that to his friends.

In chapter 17 page 341, it told about when Voldemort visited his family. At that time, Voldemort wanted to know where he was from, was he from a strong wizard or other and he wanted to make sure that his father was a strong wizard not his mother, and finally he got the truth about his life. He was from a Muggle family that he called didn't have a power of magic. His father was a Muggle and he knew that his father left him when he was in his mother womb.

"YOU! He bellowed, YOU!

And he hurtled drunkenly at Riddle, wand and knife held aloft.

STOP

Riddle spoken in Parseltongue. The man skidded into the table, sending mouldy pots crashing to the floor.....

You speak it?

Yes, I speak it, said Riddle. He move forwards into the room,

allowing the door to swing shut behind him. Harry could not help but feel a resentful admiration for Voldemort's complete lack of fear. His face merely expressed disgust and perhaps disappointment". (Chapter 17;p.341)

The writer could find that Voldemort was a tempered person, and he also a person that never scared with everything. Even he faced them and only expressed disgust and disappointment to them. Voldemort did not have humanity feeling, so he could did that to his family.

## 2. The dominant character of Lord Voldemort

The dominant character of Lord Voldemort was antagonist, because based on some analysis and the data that the writer got from the novel many antagonist character that could be found in that story.

The antagonist character shown when Lord Voldemort lived in the orphanage. He made scared other children with his power or his ability. He could do that because he is influenced by the environment in the orphanage. Lord Voldemort also had ability but, the other people did not have. Lord Voldemort was also a murder. He had killed his family because he hated to his family that did not want him and he did that because he revenge to his family. He killed Hepzibah to got the things that he wanted. Lord Voldemort would do anything to get whatever that he wanted, even thought he should murdered. Lord Voldemort killed Harry Potter's parents when Harry was one years old.

## CONCLUSION

The result of this writing is to know the character types and the most dominant of Lord Voldemort's character. After analyzing step by step, The final point the writer analyzed the character using the psychological approach and reveals some character types of Lord Voldemort's.

Based on the Abrams theory that antagonist character is the enemy or the challenger of the protagonist character, and Lord Voldemort can be an antagonist character because he is a challenger character, and also Lord Voldemort was a bad person in the story. Since he lived in the orphanage, many odd incident happened in there. He killed some people, killed his families, made some people hurt. Based on John W. Santrock theory that psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes, and the writer can know the dominant character of Lord Voldemort.

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