

Abstract

Literature is one of interdisciplinary which studies human social phenomenon. It studies and reflects human social life in unique way which is beyond space and time. One of genre in literature which is reflecting it is prose. This paper entitles “The Comparative Study of Characters in Frank’s Diary *The Diary of a Young Girl* (Translated by B.M. Mooyart-Doubleday) and Haddon’s *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*”. The object analysis of this comparative research is two different prose fiction. *Anne Frank: The Dairy of a Young Girl* is a fascinated diary about a thirteen years old Jew girl who lived in hiding during Nazi era. Meanwhile *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* is a brilliant story about a fifteen years old curious boy with Asperger Syndrome. This research identified who are the main characters in both of books. It also analyzed how the intrinsic elements portrayed the communication problem in both stories. This research used descriptive qualitative method. By using Ludlow and Panton’s theory of barriers in communication, this research analyzed the communication problem in both of main character in the stories. In *Anne Frank: The Dairy of a Young Girl*, the setting and character of main character in story are mostly what influenced the communication problem between Anne and people around her. While in Haddon’s *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, the communication problem occurs because the character of main character itself.

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