**Abstract**

The tittle of this research is *"An analysis of theme in 2017 Kompas selected short stories entitled ‘Kasur Tanah’* ". This research was conducted with the aim of describing the theme development in 2017 Kompas selected short stories based on the Shipley category. This research is included in research using a qualitative approach to document study type. The research data were in the form of words, phrases and sentences contained in short stories. From the data collected, then analyzed with intrinsic elements to find a theme, then analyzed the theme using Shiipley theory. Based on the results of research on the five stories of 2017 Kompas selected short stories entitled “*Kasur Tanah*”, it was found that each theme has a different level of theme, ranging from man as molecul, man as protopalsm, man as socious, man as individualism, and devine..

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