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structuralism theory.

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particularly using structuralism theory to uncover deeper meanings. Therefore, the

writer chose to analyze this novel based on his interpretation using this theory. In

addition to analyzing the novel's meaning through structuralism theory, the writer also

explored how the text represents hegemonic masculinity.

The writer acknowledges that this paper is far from perfect. Therefore, feedback,

suggestions, and criticism from readers is welcome. The writer hopes that this research

will help readers to learn more about figurative language and its significance.

Furthermore, the writer expects that this research will be useful as a motivation for

conducting similar research.

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Abstract

This research aims to explore the representation of hegemonic masculinity in the novel "Lord of The Flies" by William Golding. Specifically, this research aims to explain how hegemonic masculinity is established in a society. Nurgiyantoro structuralism theory is employed to uncover the deeper meanings within the novel, which are then analyzed for their representation of hegemonic masculinity using Messerschmidt's theory. The research adopts a Descriptive Qualitative methodto thoroughly examine the text. The findings reveal how hegemonic masculinity began to be established to build a society on an uninhabited island for survival. Through deep analysis, it was discovered that Ralph, the main character and chief of his society, embodies all the criteria of hegemonic masculinity—strength, assertiveness, knowledge, invulnerability, and the ability to protect others. This research not only provides insights into the narrative structure of the novel but also contributes to a broader understanding of the hegemonic masculinity on a society.

Keywords: Structuralism, Hegemonic Masculinity, Novel.

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