ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study are to discuss the struggle presented by the main character against the patriarchal values and to find out the main theme revealed through the discussion of the character’s struggle in Henrik Ibsen’s A Doll’s House. The research method used in this paper is library research consisting of some steps. They are reading the play, formulating problems to explore, conducting the analysis, finding sources that support the analysis. Data consisting of printed references and books are obtained from libraries and online materials. The result of the study finds out that the main character finally succeeds in achieving her life goal. She finally shows that she is capable of expressing her thoughts, and she has her freedom in deciding what she wants to do in her life. She manages to prove that she is actually equal to males and is an independent person who has her own way of life. In other words, she finally decides to struggle against the patriarchal value in order to discover her independence. From the analysis of the main character, from the struggle presented by the main character, the theme revealed is the woman’s struggle in achieving her own right to be herself and her freedom to live her life. In conclusion, as elements of literary works are interrelated and united, themes can be revealed through characters, and in literary works theme as such is wrapped in the story of the play.