ABSTRACT

This study entitled "The Searching of Self-Actualization as Reflected in Becky's character in Vanity Fair novel by William Thackeray", intends to analyze what kinds of basic needs fulfillment to achieve the self-actualization need. In this research, the writer intends to analyze the reason of human who tries to fulfill his hierarchy of needs especially self-actualization need. Besides, the writer can identify the cause of human who cannot achieve self-actualization need.

In this research, the writer used qualitative method to explain, classify, and analyze the data related to the self-actualization in Becky's character by Maslow's theory. This method makes the writer easy to divide; explain the data about hierarchy of needs; and identify whether Becky can achieve self actualization need or not.

Through this study, the writer knows that the human basic needs are not merely eat, drink, air, love, security, and comfortable but there is self-actualization. A self-actualization need is a human's desire to become what a human wants. In this matter, not everyone can fulfill their self-actualization need because they are busy reaching their basic needs and they are not obvious what self-actualization that a human wants to pursue. Besides that, background of the family and social class are also challenge and they cause someone could not achieve self-actualization. So, they use some other ways to fulfill it.

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