ABSTRACT

Struggling hard to change misfortunes into fortunes is very significant for everybody to survive among the society. The study focuses on Moll’s life and her struggles that had been done to achieve a fortunate life. It aims to know how Moll’s life is portrayed in the novel and how her struggles change her life. Feminist Literary Criticism is applied to support the analysis, to see how women’s images are created by the society. It will also be used to consider the fortunes and misfortunes of Moll’s life. Finally, it will be used to show the struggles that have been done by Moll to change her misfortunes into fortunes. Moll’s misfortunes happened because she was a woman and a poor. As a woman, she was marginalized since the society gave more privilege to men over women. Being poor, she found many difficulties in running her life, while the society mostly depended on money. Moll’s struggles to achieve fortunate life broke the construction of women which was created by the society. The struggles created another construction of women that they were smart, could be independent when needed, strong, and perseverant. Through her struggles, Moll had given an example to other women not to become women that were constructed by the society, but to change the social construction itself.

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