ABSTRACT

This paper, through postcolonial-feminist criticism, attempts to prove the existence of the oppression toward the Javanese women during the Dutch’s colonialism in Indonesia through the character of Sanikem which is also known as Nyai Ontosoroh in Toer’s *This Earth of Mankind*. Firstly it discovers the mutual relationship between the Dutch’s colonialism and the Javanese feudalism with the oppression towards Sanikem and then analyses how the dual hierarchy of the Dutch’s colonialism and Javanese’s feudal system contribute to the oppression. Second, it also discovers a shifting of Sanikem’s personality which makes her aware of the oppression and struggle against it. And the last, it shows why and how Sanikem is silenced by the colonial power that fails her struggle. In conducting the analysis, cultural and historical background will be applied in the thesis along with the discussion of the subaltern women in a colonized country established by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. This research applies qualitative method which means that the data is taken from the novel itself which is *This Earth of Mankind*, both digital and non-digital library research, journals, and other resources which are appropriate in conducting the analysis.

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