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ABSTRACT

This study discusses mimicry issue depicted through the main character Usha in

"Hell-heaven" and Hema and Kaushik in "Hema and Kaushik" in Jhumpa Lahiri's

Unaccustomed Earth. Their parents experiences diaspora and it makes them, as

the second generation, have to adapt the new culture to be accepted. This study

will identify the portrayal of mimicry but we should know about the cause of

mimicry issue which is diaspora phenomenon first. New culture, new

environment, and new people in the new land influence the main characters and

cause them to mimic the new culture in order to be accepted by their friends or the

people in that new land. Moreover, as the impact of Usha's, Hema's, and

Kaushik's mimicry, this study will also elaborate 'In-between-ness', and 'Double

Conciousness'. This study will apply Homi K.Bhabha's mimicry as the main

theory. This study conclude that Usha, Hema and Kaushik mimic the American

language, lifestyle and clothing as a strategy to be an American and accepted by

the American society. They also experience in-between-ness and double

consciousness because they trapped in Indian culture and American culture.

Keywords: Diaspora, Mimicry, In-between-ness, Double Consciousness

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You must always remember
You are BRAVER than you believe
STRONGER than you seem
And SMARTER than you think
-Christopher Robin-