

Jodi Picoult's *Keeping Faith* examines how a parent's divorce affected for a child's mental breakdown. This study explains about the causes of a child in experiencing a mental breakdown. This study also observes a child's mental breakdown in affecting the behavior problems. In examining the issues, the writer use the research method by understanding the case of Faith white in experiencing a mental breakdown toward the novel. The writer uses the theory of psychoanalysis by Freud such as anxiety, depression, defense mechanism, and dream displacement to gain an understanding in analyzing Faith's mental breakdown. The writer uses theory of anxiety and depression to observe the case of Faith White for causing her mental breakdown. The writer also uses the defense mechanism to explain profoundly about how Faith White copes her anxiety and depression. The writer also uses the dream displacement in case of Faith White's substitution. In conclusion, the writer shows that Faith experienced her mental breakdown affecting by her parents divorce and she wishes that she can fulfills her desire toward her imaginary friend. The result of the analysis also becomes evidence that Freudian psychoanalysis applicable in exploring a character in literary works.

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