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ABSTRACT

This thesis examines the spirit of gynocentrism phenomena through the

character, Annie, in Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing. Gynocentric feminism is

related to the power of women in the society. It is a phenomenon which came up

in 1970s along the term of women-centered perspective. This phenomenon puts

women's position as a center in the society. In this case, their inferiority is no

longer portrayed in a patriarchal system. The analysis shows that the portrayal of

Annie is categorized as an empowered woman. Thus, women who believe in

gynocentric feminism are identified as radical feminists. It occurs because they try

to oppose the patriarchal system. Their power used is not only to gain the equality,

but it is more than that. By examining the gynocentric feminism in Tom

Stoppard's The Real Thing, the aim of this study is to find out the portrayal of

gynocentrism in Annie's character as the main character of the play. To gain more

information about gynocentric feminism, the writer uses radical feminism to

describe the portrayal of the main character that will be discussed. Moreover, the

analysis will also identify the socio-cultural background of the period which

influences the portrayal of the main character, such as Cold War and Sexual

Revolution. Later, radical feminism can reveal how the female characters are

dominant in Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing and it is supported by the

phenomena of gynocentrism which is also influenced by socio-cultural

background of the period.

**Keywords**: gender, gynocentrism, radical feminism, patriarchy.

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