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ABSTRACT

Novel is the longest form of prose fiction that may reflect realities of life. As another form of literary works, novel can be analyzed with many ways. One of them is the objective theory. Based on the objective theory literary approach the analysis is limited on the intrinsic elements of literary works itself.

In this thesis the writer uses the objective theory as the limitation of the scope of analysis and literary approach as the basic principle to analyze the conflict of Joads' survival in novel The Grapes of Wrath. This theory used because of the analysis is limited on the intrinsic elements, especially on plot, setting, and characterization.

John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath is the best novel in 1939. It is a novel which depicts Joads' suffering and the immense panorama of the deserted place migrants' suffering. John Steinbeck's novels are intensely concerned with sociological problem especially proletarian novel. The character of those novel are sentimentally written. Usually he pictures the condition in agriculture and migrant laborers.

The main characters in The Grapes of Wrath are Tom Joad, Ma Joad, and Jim Casy who become the representative of a kind of group, because their actions are based on the love principle, intuitively, of course, rather than consciously.

survive in such land. They can not bear to live in deserted place. They decide to leave Oklahoma to the new land, California in search of better life. They are described insecurity, low income, homeless, inadequate standards of living, and a lack of spiritual satisfaction. With other migrants they go by the boxcars and the tents become their home.

The Joads conditions are very worse since they lose the member of family : the death of grampa, granma and Noah Joad. Besides the earnest men who have understanding, knowledge, and skill experiment toward the perfect crop and the crop become rot. So the little farmers will be overcome by debt. The decay spreads over the State and the failure is like a great sorrow. The Joads make a good relationships with other migrants because they have the same fate. They live in such land based on the unity of the group.