

## ABSTRACT

George Washington Crosby's Catharsis in Paul Harding's *Tinkers*

When someone has painful experience in the past, he sometimes has hallucination which is connected to it. Based on that phenomenon, the writer wants to analyze the phenomenon of catharsis experienced by main character in a novel *Tinkers* by Paul Harding. Desire of an old man to meet his father makes catharsis appear in the rest of his life. Moreover, catharsis affects on his life. Involuntary, instinctive body process is the definition catharsis by Freud and Breuer. Catharsis appears in the psychology of human behavior. Hallucination experiences by George Washington Crosby as main character in *Tinkers* novel is the example for catharsis in psychological human behavior. The writer determines the cause of catharsis on George Washington Crosby and how he does catharsis, which are the main purposes of this study. To make that purpose successfully done, the writer uses the theory of psychoanalysis by Sigmund Freud particularly the concept of catharsis and defense mechanism. The final result of the analysis shows the existences of catharsis in the form of hallucination and show the failure that occurred in the defense mechanism make catharsis did by George Washington Crosby in his life.

**Key Word:** catharsis, hallucination, painful experiences, past experiences, trauma, psychoanalysis.

# **CHAPTER I**

# **INTRODUCTION**