

ABSTRACT

The study examines the main character in Richard Yates's *Revolutionary Road* named April Wheeler. This study discusses her characteristic towards her decision due to her motivation. Two basic problems are, first how motivation portrayed in April Wheeler's character in pursuing her dream in the novel Richard Yates's *Revolutionary Road* and second, how April Wheeler's motivation influence her life. Psychological approach concentrates on the theory of human motivation by Abraham Maslow will be used as the theory, especially discussion about the stage of the hierarchy of needs suggested by Maslow which is unfulfilled by April Wheeler. Description about April Wheeler's fulfillment in hierarchy needs will be the basic motivation issue since there are a lot of development which lead into motivational disposition, motivational conflict, motivation failure and level of personality function based on Maslow theory. This research will be a qualitative research where the data is taken from the novel *Revolutionary Road* (English version), library research, journals, and other resources which are appropriate in conducting the analysis. This study discovers that April Wheeler's behaviour are associated with her failure of both motivation and love in pursuing her dream. The character changes also happen as the influence of her motivation that lead her into the decision of abortion.

Keyword : *Character, Maslow hierarchy of needs, desire, motivation, motivational disposition, pursuit, passion, behavior.*

**“You can never cross the ocean unless you have
the courage to lose sight of the shore
(Christopher Colombus)**

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INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER I