

Abstract

This study was designed to learn more about the concept of courage shown in Lois Lowry's *Number The Stars* through the use of characterization and setting. I will try to dig more about the concept of courage that shown in the novel and compare it with the general concept of courage and to see if there is some value that makes it different or not. The novel *Number The Stars* written by Lois Lowry tells us about a ten-year-old girl named Annemarie who experiencing the situation of war in her country, Denmark. This novel described a war situation in Denmark which occupied by Germany soldier related to their purpose to annihilate Jewish people. The reader will be served some general concept of courage and the concept of courage in this novel by examining two formal elements of literature which are characterization and setting. Annemarie will be the main subject of this study as she is the main character and showing some courages throught the plot of the story. The war situation also been highlighted as its become the important cause towards courage shown by Annemarie. The thesis uses close reading method to analyze the novel. The results of this thesis are the setting and characterization as the formal elements do works each other to define the concept of courage. This thesis also finds that in this novel, courage may emerge if someone is less know about the risk than if someone know the risk entirely.

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"When do you think people die? When they are shot through the heart by the bullet of a pistol? No. When they are ravaged by an incurable disease? No. When they drink a soup made from a poisonous mushroom!?! No! It's when ... They are forgotten"

(Dr. Hiruluk, One Piece)