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Jamie Sullivan's self-confidence in Nicholas Sparks Novel

"A Walk to Remember "

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ABSTRACT

This study discusses the novel of Nicholas Sparks entitled A Walk to Remember. This study tells the story of Jamie Sullivan, a young girl who tries to live her days well and confidently even though she suffers from dangerous leukemia. This research was focused on the self-confidence of female character Jamie Sullivan in dealing with various things in the novel story. This research describes the character of Jamie Sullivan based on observations on novel stories, to obtain accurate and more complete data. This research was supported by several theories from experts so that the data obtained becomes more focused and the researcher also reads the novel more than once so that all data can be more complete. This research can conclude that confidence in the character of Jamie Sullivan is very influential in the storyline. Self-confidence can also play an important role in daily life. The relationship between family or parents with children also greatly affects the formation of the child's character. There are many in this novel that has not been examined. The researcher hopes this research can help further research both in the same novel or different but related.

Keyword: Self-Confidence

I. INTRODUCTION

A Walk to Remember is a modern novel, which was released in October 1999 and it has been written by Nicholas Sparks. He is one of the world's most beloved storytellers. All of his books have been New York Times bestsellers, with over 97 million copies sold worldwide. Nicholas Sparks has the full name Nicholas Charles Sparks. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 31, 1965. He got a full scholarship from the University of Notre Dame as a runner at the University. The story of a walk to remember began when Landon Carter and Jamie Sullivan were in the same school. Landon is famous for his mischief and Jamie is an innocent girl. They began to get familiar when Landon was

sentenced to take part in the performing arts scene where Jamie also played a role in the drama. As the love grows between the two, Landon must accept the fact that all this time Jamie has leukemia. Landon tried to make her happy on her last day until finally married then Jamie died of her illness. The researcher knows there are two main characters in this novel, Landon and Jamie. The previous research has researched about Landon Carter, then in this research is focus on Jamie. Jamie has an important role in the storyline of the novel a walk to remember.

One important aspect of Jamie's character in this novel is self-confidence. The beginning of Jamie's novel journey throughout the day, it can not be separated from the confidence she had. Jamie is an innocent and simple girl. She also does not dress up like other girls. She hides her illness alone in front of her friends and acted as if there was nothing to worry about. This study will be accompanied by theories about self-confidence, factors and their effects from experts, one of which is the theory of self-confidence and factors from Hambly (1992). All notions of self-confidence, factors, and effects discussed in this study will always be accompanied by theories from several other experts so that this research is easier to understand.

II. RESEARCH METHOD

This research used qualitative methods. The researcher is collect the data obtained in the form of words and information that was selected so that it can be more easily understood by the reader qualitative methods are often used to analyze novels because novels contain information that must be read first to understand and understand what information can be used as research material.

III. DATA ANALYSIS

The Researcher analyzed the data based on the analysis procedure that has been set. The researchers read the novel several times, and then organized the data. After that classified and selected the data which used to answer the research problem. Last, the researcher interpreted the data.

IV. RESEARCH RESULT

This section the researcher identifies and describes the factor and effect of Jamie Sullivans' self-confident in the novel a walk to remember as below :

Factors

Parenting, Jamie is educated from childhood with norms that apply in religion or what has been taught in the Bible. of course, such parenting fostered a very strong self-confidence in Jamie in living her life, whatever happens, is the best for her according to her god. Jamie grew up to be a religious child too. Keep calm in the face of everything and always bring the book of his mother everywhere.

Family Relation, Family relationships are very influential in a child's personality. Children will be more obedient to what parents teach if their relationship is good. This is also what researchers see in the novel's story. Jamie as an only child loved by her parents. Her parents treated Jamie so well that Jamie felt comfortable with her father. Religious teachings taught by his father were easily accepted by Jamie So that the character of the child is formed. Jamie is very close to her parents.

Maturity, after two factors that the researcher mentioned above, the researcher concluded that Jamie Sullivan's self-confidence in this novel was followed by age maturity. The age of maturity is formed due to two factors that the researchers mentioned above. starting from parenting, where children will get used to parenting parents then continue to the relationship between parents and children so that children are more able to accept whatever has been taught by parents (parenting) and lead to maturity, maturity, ways of thinking and make children more rational in dealing with problems.

Effect

Thinking Positively, Positive thinking makes her excited by living her day. even though Jamie is suffering from a dangerous disease, she is always sure of the miracles that come because she believes in her god.

Dare to say the truth, In this novel there are times when Jamie is required to be honest with Landon about what should have happened. In the beginning, Jamie had warned Landon not to fall in love with her, and when that happened, Jamie also dared to be honest with Landon why he should not love her.

V.CONCLUSION

The researcher concluded that self-confidence is very important to live life and all that, if implemented into real life, will be very beneficial for themselves and others. An important point that researchers took in this study about self-confidence is the relationship between parents and children to shape character and maturity to determine the mindset. The two things are interconnected. When parents and children understand each other, the child's mindset will be wiser in determining direction. This happened to Jamie in the novel.

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