ABSTRACT

A person who faces his or her identity crisis usually feels depressed or hopeless with his or her life. The person's identity crisis can be solved if he or she wants to think it positively. This thesis analyzes about someone's identity crisis because of his impotence. The goal of this thesis is to explain that a person's identity crisis still can use some ways in order to cure it. They are theoretical of psychoanalysis by Sigmund Freud and identity crisis theory by Erik Erikson. The main character, Jake Barnes, tries to cure his identity crisis by using some ways. The ways are personality structures (id, ego, and superego), dynamic personalities (life instinct and death instinct), and ego defense mechanisms (repression, projection, and sublimation). By analyzing the novel The Sun Also Rises, it can be seen that a person's life is not useless if he or she wants to attempt to change it as usefulness for his or her life. To come to the conclusion of this thesis is that Jake Barnes, even though he is impotent, he successfully proves that his life is still meaningful after he relates his identity crisis with the ways he has found.
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