ABSTRACT

The research is written in order to analyze the Marxist ideas through social status pursuit done by the main character in Guy de Maupassant’s Bel-Ami. The goals of this research is to show the main character’s effort in order to pursue his ambitions and also to see the connection among the author, the characters in the novel and the society at that time that influence the work. The research method used is a library research through textual analysis on characters and characterizations, setting, symbol and theme, etc. The main theory that is used is Marxist ideas from Karl Marx, with further development by Georg Lukacs. The analysis has proved that there is a social pursuit done by the character through the analysis from his characterizations, his background, etc. The analysis is also proven that there is a close connections between the author, Guy de Maupassant and the work, Bel-Ami.

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