ABSTRACT

This thesis is a study about racism's influence on characters Derek Vinyard and Daniel Vinyard in *American History X* movie. The goals of the research were to find out certain impacts and factors that motivate Derek Vinyard and Daniel Vinyard into racists. Library research method was used in this thesis by finding related theories such as characterization, racism, and Freud's psychoanalysis from various library sources. Those theories were applied as the basic of analysis and supported in achieving the goals. The analysis was done in three main parts which were characterization of Derek and Daniel, portrayal of racism, and psychological impacts on Derek and Daniel. Based on the analysis, it can be concluded that the factors motivating Derek and Daniel to become racist is different and both of them are mentally suffered as victims of the racism practice which is done by themselves. (Wendy Wijaya).

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