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Fable is Children’s Literature. It is a simple story that incorporates character, typically animals whose actions are to teach moral lessons or universal truth. This literary work contains many values especially moral value. Moral value is important known for children in order to differ which are right and wrong. Teaching moral value for children through literature is estimated to be more effective for children as they are able to enjoy the right event for them within the fable. In such way they are easy to understand and catch the message which contains moral values. Thus, this research discussed the function of the fable especially Aesop’s fable to the reader especially children. Aesop’s Fable is a fable created by Aesop from Greece in the early sixth century. This study analyzes the moral value and character building through thirteen stories chosen within the fable compilation.

The research problems of this research were: 1). What moral values are implied in Aesop’s fable? 2). How are the moral values in Aesop’s fable presented as children’s character building? Hence, the research uncover: 1). The moral values which are implied from Aesop’s fable, and 2). The moral values in Aesop’s fable are presented as children’s character building.

The Research Method applied in this research were: 1). Library Research or Content Analysis as a design of the research, 2). Document note taking as a method of collecting data, 3). Thirteen stories chosen of Aesop’s Fable are as the objects of the research, 4). Document as instrument for collecting data, 5). Evidence Based on Theoretical Adequacy (theory triangulation), Code-recode strategy as the ways to show trustworthiness in this library research, 6). Organizing data, giving code of data necessary, reducing data unnecessary, interpreting data, and displaying data as method of data analysis.

This research found that (1) Moral values implied in Aesop’s Fable are care of soul, kindhearted, respect, tolerance, justness, fairness, responsibility, and belief. (2) Character building are presented in Aesop’s Fable through reflection of actors’ moral value. Children’s character can be built through Aesop’s Fable are Compassionated and empathy, regard and respect, establishing justness and fair, responsibility, and honest. Compassionated and empathy are presented from care of soul and kindhearted. Regard and respect are presented from respect and tolerance. Establishing justness and fair are
presented from justness and fairness. Responsible are presented from responsibility and belief. Honesty is presented from belief and responsibility.

Therefore, this research discussed about the moral values within the Aesop’s fable to persuade the reader especially teachers and parents to educate their children about right behavior among social live. Thus, Aesop’s fable is able to be used as learning material for parent and teachers in the way to teach morality and build good character of children.
ABSTRAK


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Demikian, penelitian ini membahas mengenai fungsi fabel yaitu Aesop’s Fable terhadap anak-anak sebagai pembaca. Aesop’s Fable adalah fabel yang ditulis oleh Aesop, pendongeng dari Yunani pada awal abad ke 6. Penelitian ini menganalisa mengenai nilai moral dan pembangunan karakter yang terkandung dalam tiga belas (13) cerita yang terpilih dalam kumpulan Aesop’s Fable.

Rumusan Masaalah yang dikaji dalam penelitian ini adalah: 1). Apa saja jenis nilai moral yang terkandung dalam Aesop’s Fable? 2). Bagaimana nilai-nilai moral yang terkandung dalam Aesop’s Fable disajikan sebagai wujud pembangunan karakter anak? Oleh karena itu, tujuan penelitian ini digunakan untuk menemukan: 1). Jenis-jenis nilai moral yang terkandung dalam Aesop’s Fable, dan 2). Wujud penggambaran atau penyajian nilai moral dalam Aesop’s Fable sebagai pembangunan karakter anak.


Penelitian ini menemukan bahwa (1) Aesop’s Fable mengandung berbagai nilai moral seperti hormat, toleransi, adil, bertanggung jawab, percaya, dan jujur (2). Pembangunan karakter dalam Aesop’s Fable diperoleh melalui

Dengan demikian, penelitian ini membahas nilai-nilai moral yang terkandung dalam *Aesop’s Fable* guna mengajak setiap pembaca khususnya para guru dan orang tua untuk mendidik siswa atau anak mereka tentang bertingkah laku yang patut dalam kehidupan sosial. Jadi *Aesop’s fable* dapat digunakan oleh para orang tua dan guru sebagai materi belajar bagi anak-anak dalam rangka mengajarkan moral dan membangun karakter yang baik kepada anak-anak.
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