

ABSTRACT

Paradox of American Dream in Arthur Miller's *The Death of a Salesman*: Literature Study. S1. Thesis. English Departement. Faculty of Letters and Language Education. Widya Kartika University. Surabaya. Advisor I: Drs. Triyanto Siswantono, M.Pd. Advisor II: Yulius Kurniawan S.Pd; M.Pd.

American dream has been the main purpose of each American. This phenomena has happened since early 19th centuries. This phenomena was also happened in the literary side. There were a lot authors which were used American dream, one of them is Arthur Miller. In his literary work, he mostly told about the American life. *The Death of a Salesman* was his masterpiece who clearly imaged the American dream which was existed in American society. That phenomena which was caused the writer to do this research. This research consisted of two research questions. The first questioned the American dream representation in *The Death of a Salesman* and the second asked about the paradox of American dream. In this research the writer used sociology of the writer as the approach to answer the first question and deconstructive criticism to find the idea that resulted the paradox. The results of this research was American dream idea consisted of became success was counted on the wealth and also affected to how people treat you. And the second conclusion represented how the different form of success idea and how the people treat was not only counted on the wealth but also from their behavior.

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