

## THE STRUGGLE OF SCARLET O'HARA TO FIND PURE LOVE IN MARGARET MITCHEL'S *GONE WITH THE WIND* (1936)

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### Abstract

*This research is entitled The Struggle of Scarlet O'hara to Find Pure Love in Margaret Mitchel Gone With The Wind (1936). The aim of the study is exploring the most dominant needs of Scarlet O'hara needs appearing in Gone With The Wind (1936) and to know the struggles of Scarlet O'hara in finding her needs in Gone With The Wind (1936). This research used a qualitative method to explore the protagonist character in the novel and used the concept of Abraham Maslow's using five basic hierarchy of needs especially focused on the struggle for love, affection and belongingness also self actualization needs. Based on the analysis, the researcher found that Scarlet O'hara struggles to love, affection, belongingness and self actualization because she needs a man to love, family's affection and get many friends. The finding of this research revealed that the most dominant needs of Scarlet O'hara appearing in Gone With The Wind (1936) is the needs of love, affection, and belongingness to make her life full of joys and happiness.*

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### Introduction

Novel is one of literary works which deal with adventure and imaginary persons so as portrays of life. More over, the description of action and thought, the varieties of human life and character. In addition, John Peck and Martin Coyle (1986: 150) explained the novel present a documentary picture of life where the authors have experienced what they had seen and what they had done, and then they brought them to the written things by own language that came from their thoughts. Reading and interpreting novel was give us with a sense of the complexity of life's deepest mysteries of love, hate, death, conglicts between the individual and society or human's struggles in life. That we know as the value of life which cannot be seperated from pyschological aspects in novel.

One of the value of life that can be learn from novel is human's struggles in life especially struggles to reach the happiness in life. To struggles in life, human need motivation from inner then become a strenght to get what they wants in life. sometimes they need to struggles to get want they needs. In this study the researcher wants to use novel tittled *Gone With The Wind (1936)* by Margaret Mitchell as the object of the study, tells about a woman struggle, she tries to get what she needs struggly especially love needs. The best seller novel titled *Gone With The Wind* was published in 1936 and Margaret Mitchell was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction a year later. The novel *Gone With The Wind (1936)* is primarily regarded as a romantic story focusing on Scarlet O'hara as the main character.

The researcher only focus in the need of love, affection and belongingness also self actualiztion because this novel theme is love. Despite the fact that love is one of

the major human emotions. According to social psychologist Zick Rubin, love is characterized by three different things: attachment, caring and intimacy. Biological views of love tend to view the emotion as a human drive. While love is often seen as one of the basic human emotions such as anger or happiness some have suggested that love is instead a cultural phenomenon that arises partly due to social pressures and expectations.

In order to investigate and explore the main character needs, the theory of Maslow's was applied in this study. Maslow has set up five hierarchic theories of needs. All of his basic needs are instinctual, equivalent of instincts in animals. Humans start with a very weak disposition that is then fashioned fully as the person grows. If the environment is right, people will grow straight and beautiful, actualizing the potentials they have inherited. If the environment is not "right", they will not grow tall and straight and beautiful. Beyond these needs, higher levels of needs exist. These include needs for understanding, esthetic appreciation and purely spiritual needs. In the levels of the five basic needs, the person does not feel the second need until the demands of the first have been satisfied or the third until the second has been satisfied, and so on.

Hierarchic theory of needs which presented by Maslow is one of Psychological approach uses to interpret literary work. Psychological approach as a type of study which is applied to literary work implied that psychology could be used to interpret or evaluate literary work (Wellek and Warren, 1956: 212). Wellek and Warren (1956: 8) said that in the composition of literary work, sometimes there is one theory used by the novelist, and the theory is suitable to use to interpret the main character in Margareth Mitchell *Gone With The Wind* (1936). Dealing with the problems above which related to the main character, the researcher will analyze by using Abraham Maslow's five basic hierarchy of needs especially focused on the struggle for love, affection and belongingness also self actualization needs.

## **Methodology**

This research applied a qualitative method. The data were taken by reading the novel, collecting some important data from the study of library and browsing internet. The object of the research is the character's behavior in Margareth Mitchell *Gone With The Wind* (1936) through Maslow's five basic's hierarchy of needs especially love, affection and belongingness also self affection needs.

In this research, the researcher used an intrinsic element regarding to the concepts of character and characterization. Besides intrinsic element, the extrinsic element was also used to analyze the character by using Maslow's five hierarchy of basic needs theory especially focused on the motivation for love, affection and belongingness also self actualization needs. to gather the data, the object was determined and then analyzed to identify the imagination and sensations which influences human behavior especially toward the character's behavior in the novel. After that, the compiled data were analyzed by using descriptive analysis technique which was supported by related-references. At last, by finding the most dominant needs, the researcher described the struggles of main character to get her needs in the novel.

## Discussion

In analyzing the character, the researcher used Maslow's theory on motivation and personality which is based on the five basic needs. There are physiological need, safety need, love and belonging need, esteem need and self actualization need. In this case, needs of affection, love and belongingness and needs of self actualization are used to analyze the character.

### 1. Needs of Love and Belongingness of Scarlet O'hara

The third stage of the hierarchy is the needs of love and belonging. The need for love which involves the need to give love as well as receive it. The need to belong is the need to belong with a particular group, family or society. If the needs are not satisfied, the person will feel lonely and keenly the absence of friends, mate and family. Moreover, the love or belongingness needs come into play after the physiological and security drives are satisfied. Maslow states that people seek to overcome feelings of loneliness and alienation. This involves both giving and receiving love, affection and the sense of belonging (Maslow, 1970: 129).

This is the example of Needs of Love and Belongingness of Scarlet O'hara. As a young woman, Scarlet O'hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charm as Tarleton twins Stuart and Brent Tarleton. Eventhough the twins has interest to her, Scarlet already has her dream prince charming named Ashley Wilkes. It can be learned as the dialogue between Scarlet and Stuart:

*"... was going to be an engagement announced tomorrow night at the Wilkes ball." "Oh. I know about that," said Scarlett in disappointment. "That silly nephew of hers, Charlie Hamilton, and Honey Wilkes. Everybody's known for years that they'd get married some time, even if he did seem kind of lukewarm about it." "Do you think he's silly?" questioned Brent. ... (Chapter I, P.6)"*

From the dialogue above show that the love and belongings needs of Scarlet was unfulfilled. Scarlet's feeling was disappointed because she knew about engagement between Ashley and Melanie Hamilton was going to be an engagement announced tomorrow night at the Wilkes ball.

### 2. Needs of Affection of Scarlet O'hara

Need for affection is the need which motivates to make affective relation or emotional union with others, although with man or woman, in family or in the environments. The membership in a group often becomes dominant purposes, and they will be loneliness, exclusive, and weakness families, partners, and friends leave them. In this novel, the need which motivates to make affection relation is with her mother. The need of affection from her family especially from her mother is very needed by Scarlet O'hara.

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very needed by Scarlet O'hara. When Scarlet feel sad and lonely, she need her mother to be with her. It can be seen as quotation below:

*"... But, in the depths of the first tragedy she had ever known, she wanted the very comfort of her mother's presence. She always felt secure when Ellen was by her, for there was nothing so bad that Ellen could not better it, simply by being there(Chapter IV, P. 50)"*

From quotation above, shown that the affection and belonging needs of Scarlet means need of affection and belonging from her family especially her mother. With affection and belonging from her mother, Scarlet felt very comfort and secure. For Scarlet, her mother's affection is very needed especially when she felt very sad and empty.

### **3. Needs of Self Actualization of Scarlet O'hara**

Self actualization is as a person's need to be and do that which the person was "born to do". The person feels on edge, tense, lacking something in short, restless. This need is the desire to keep going to get self potentiation and to get something what she wants. This the example of Needs of Self Actualization of Scarlet O'hara. When Scarlet go to the Wilkes ball, her passion for self actualization in the party rise as well as her plan to get Ashley's attraction in the ball. This motivation can be seen as quotation below:

*"Most of the young ladies were seated with partners on the long benches that faced the tables, but Scarlett, realizing that a girl has only two sides and only one man can sit on each of these sides, had elected to sit apart so she could gather about her as many men as possible." (Chapter VI, P.83)*

From the quotation above, show about need of self actualization of Scarlet. She want get many men attention by elected to sit apart. Toward her motivation, Scarlet want to show her beauty to many people in the ball.

### **4. The Struggle of Scarlet O'hara to Find Pure Love**

Like other woman, Scarlet O'hara had desire of the need love, affection and belongingness to make her life full of joy and happiness. She must struggle to find her pure love. In first time, she had passion and desire to marry the man that she think that she really love. Knowing the fact that her true love will marry other woman, Scarlet's feeling was disappointed because knew about engagement between Ashley and Melanie Hamilton was going to be an engagement announced tomorrow night at the Wilkes ball.

Scarlet rose her spirit and motivation to get her love. It means needs of love from Ashley. Scarlet struggle to find some way to let Ashley know that she loved him. In her deeply heart, Scarlet believe that when Ashley know how much she love him, Ashley won't marry with Melanie. Scarlet giving her love as

well as receiving love from Ashley. Her love to Ashley is passionate love which characterized by intense emotions, sexual attraction, anxiety and affection.

When Scarlet felt loneliness and empty, she needs affection from her family especially her mother. Scarlet need of her mother affection especially when she look for comfort and peace. After she get peacefully from her mother, Scarlet seems get new spirit and rise her motivation for get her need of love. Affection and belongingness from her family, rose Scarlet's spirit and motivation to face her life without having her true love.

Desperate with Ashley, Scarlet try to find a man who can fill her empty heart in order to fullfied her needs of love and belongingness. It showed when Scarlet married Charles, Frank and Rhet Butler. With Rhet butler, Scarlet felt different. She described as a woman who hated Rhet Butler, but in the reality, she had feeling to him. She hated him because he very rude to her. Scarlet felt so exciting to have Rhett Butler in love with her.

When Scarlet decided to marry with Rhet Butler, she felt so fun and exciting. Her needs of love and belongingness was fullfield. Scarlet enjoy her marriage with Rhet Butler. Her life is not empty and loneliness eventhough she did not love him. Scarlet try to get her needs of belongingness. But, still Rhet Butler is her true love and maybe not her pure love. She still seeking her pure love in her life. Scarlet struggling to get her pure love eventhough she was married. Her passion about Ashley never gone.

After she had conflicts with Rhet Butler and when Rhet decided to go with her child. Scarlet felt empty and lonely. She needs of love and belongingness from family was unfulfield. She missed her family. Without her family, Scarlet felt lonely, empty and keenly. At last, Scarlet realized that Rhet Butler is her pure love not Ashley that she though. Rhet Butler and Bonnie who denied by Scarlet was the one she need and desire to had it. Her needs of love and belonging will statisfied if she life together with Rhet and Bonnie. For Scarlet, conflict affords an opportunity to help her get to know and understand herself and Rhet more deeply.

Scarlet also had motivation to fill her needs of self actualization. She want get many men attention by elected to sit apart. Toward her motivation, Scarlet want to show her beauty to many people in the ball. Scarlet also does some activities to get self actualization by seeking self fulfillment. Scarlet doesn't want just sit and watching other girl dancing and flirt. She want to dance and flirt and be admired. She was too young and she need to get men's attraction.

## **Conclusion**

Based on Abraham Maslow's five basic hierarchy of needs especially focused on the struggle for love, affection and belongingness also self actualization needs in Margareth Mitchell *Gone With The Wind (1936)*, the researcher has conclusion about the findings: The most dominat of Scarlet O'hara needs appering *Gone With The Wind (1936)* is the needs of love, affection and belongingness.

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Ashley is passionate love which characterized by intense emotions, sexual attraction, anxiety and affection. Scarlet also needs affection from her family especially her mother. Affection and belongingness from her family, rose Scarlet's spirit and motivation to face her life without having her true love. After she had conflicts with Rhet Butler and when Rhet decided to go with her child. Scarlet felt empty and lonely. For Scarlet, conflict affords an opportunity to help her get to know and understand herself and Rhet more deeply. Her needs of love and belonging will satisfied if she life together with Rhet and Bonnie. Scarlet also had motivation to fill her needs of self actualization. Toward her motivation, Scarlet wants to show her beauty to many people.

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