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ABSTRACT

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho portrays Santiago's transformative journey as he pursues his Personal Legend, symbolized by a recurring dream of discovering treasure at the Egyptian pyramids. This analysis examines Santiago's evolution through the lens of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, showcasing his growth across physiological, safety, love and belongingness, esteem, and self-actualization levels. The purpose of this study is to reveal Santiago's dream, how he changes after achieving his dream, and what he did to achieve his dream. This study is classified as qualitative research. The research was conducted by analyzing novels based on research questions and applying Abraham Maslow theory hierarchy of needs. Santiago's dream triggers his recognition of untapped potential and purpose, compelling him to leave his shepherd life and embrace challenges. Along his path, he gains wisdom from mentors, overcomes obstacles, and discovers true fulfillment transcending material wealth. His self-actualization journey is reflected in newfound self-confidence, adaptability, courage, trust in intuition, and a deeper appreciation for the present moment. The conclusion offers lessons derived from Santiago's journey, encouraging readers to recognize their potential, confront challenges, seek wisdom, nurture relationships, live mindfully, and pursue self-actualization. Santiago's transformation serves as a timeless reminder of the profound impact of self-discovery and the fulfillment of one's Personal Legend.

ABSTRAK

Kata Kunci: mencapai mimpi, motivasi, novel, perjalanan, sang alkemis, legenda pribadi

"The Alchemist" karya Paulo Coelho menggambarkan perjalanan transformatif Santiago dalam mengejar Legenda Pribadinya, yang diwujudkan dalam mimpi berulang tentang menemukan harta karun di bawah piramida Mesir. Analisis ini mengamati evolusi Santiago melalui lensa hirarki kebutuhan Maslow, memperlihatkan pertumbuhannya melintasi tingkat-tingkat kebutuhan fisiologis, keamanan, kasih sayang dan kebergantungan, penghargaan diri, dan aktualisasi diri. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah mengungkap mimpi Santiago, bagaimana perubahan yang dialaminya setelah mencapai mimpinya, dan tindakan apa yang ia lakukan untuk meraih mimpinya. Penelitian ini diklasifikasikan sebagai penelitian kualitatif. Penelitian dilakukan dengan menganalisis novel berdasarkan pertanyaan penelitian dan menerapkan teori hirarki kebutuhan Abraham Maslow. Mimpi Santiago memicu pengenalannya terhadap potensi dan tujuan yang belum tergalai, mendorongnya meninggalkan kehidupan gembala dan menghadapi tantangan. Di sepanjang perjalanannya, ia mendapatkan kebijaksanaan dari para mentor, mengatasi rintangan, dan menemukan pemenuhan sejati yang melampaui kekayaan materi. Perjalanan aktualisasinya tercermin dalam rasa percaya diri yang baru ditemukan, adaptabilitas, keberanian, kepercayaan pada intuisi, dan penghargaan yang lebih dalam terhadap saat ini. Kesimpulan menawarkan pelajaran yang diambil dari perjalanan Santiago, mendorong pembaca untuk mengenali potensi mereka, menghadapi tantangan, mencari kebijaksanaan, merawat hubungan, hidup dengan penuh kesadaran, dan mengejar aktualisasi diri. Transformasi Santiago menjadi pengingat abadi akan dampak mendalam dari penemuan diri dan pemenuhan Legenda Pribadi seseorang.