ABSTRACT

Women face different kinds of problems in their relationships with men, especially their husbands. The four selected short stories which were written by Kate Chopin used in this thesis titled “Désirée’s Baby”, “A Respectable Woman”, “The Story of an Hour” and “The Storm” are focusing on the female characters and their relationships with their husbands. Therefore, this thesis wants to find out the portraits of the female characters presented in the four short stories and also the general theme. By analyzing the characters in Chopin’s selected works, this study wants to give insight into Kate Chopin’s literary works especially the characters and the general theme in those works. The analysis is based on textual analysis which is focused on the short stories selected for this thesis and by gathering some information and supporting data to the related topic. From the analysis, it can be concluded that the female characters presented in the four selected short stories vary from subordinate, inferior, submissive, and oppressed type of woman to the assertive, daring and sensual. These women are having various marital problems which resulting them to have certain expectations and desires related to their relationships with their husbands.
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