ABSTRACT

This research is analyzing the evidence on both the diversity of one literary work and the lack of interest of people toward literature. The goal of this research is to find out the diversity of readers’ interpretations about a poem and also to show their lack of interest and knowledge towards literature. The research method used in this research is both qualitative research and quantitative research. The theory used is Reader-Response criticism. The media of this research is a poem called Architecture by Zbigniew Herbert, and also a questionnaire to help readers respond the poem. By using Reader-Response theory, it will be described how one literary work can be interpreted with different perspectives. The correspondents of this research are ten English Department students and ten non-English Department students; Architecture Department students. By comparing two groups of the correspondents, there will be shown different understandings and interests based on their responds which are influenced by their knowledges and experiences.

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