ABSTRACT

Heroism is an interesting topic to study for people who want to know about the reality life, encouragement, and motivations. It is moral concept with various dimensions. A person normally becomes a hero by performing an extraordinary and praiseworthy deed. The Dark Knight is a novel about Batman who was tremendous and represented all the characteristics people like to see in a superhero. The goals of the research are: to discover the characteristics of Batman and his journey becoming the hero and to expose the values of heroism of Batman in his characteristic. It is concluded that Batman has all the principle of heroism in his life, such principles are integrity, duty, self-respect, faith, devotion, altruism, compassion, listening, and forgiveness. However, Batman’s deviation in the principles of heroism that were found in this story. Therefore, it was found that although Batman had all the characters or principles in this story, but if the text will be explored by deeper examination, it showed there are some deviations or contradiction in most of the Batman’s character. It shows that Batman was just a man who also has his flaw.

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