



**A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE THEME, THE PLOT, AND
THE MAIN CHARACTERS' CHARACTER IN MARK TWAIN'S
*THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER AND THE ADVENTURES
OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN***

A THESIS

Presented to the English Department Faculty of Letters Jember University
in fulfillment one of the requirements for the degree of Sarjana Sastra
in English Studies

By

Taufik Ismail
NIM 050110101003

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
FACULTY OF LETTERS
UNIVERSITY OF JEMBER
2011**

DEDICATION

In the sincerity of my heart, I dedicate my thesis to:

- ❖ **My dearest Mothers, Annisah (Alm) and Mustohiroh who has taught me real experiences of life. Thanks for your great sacrifices, patience, countless affection and endless prayer for me. I am so blessed to have you as my mothers.**
- ❖ **My dearest Father, M. Amin B.Sc (Alm) who always gives me support to be a strong man. You have colored my life with all your great love, patience and endless prayer. I miss u so.**
- ❖ **My beloved brothers, Aqib Ardiansyah, Husni Mubarok, Makien Ibnu Hajar and My sisters, Anna Sofia, Rifa Atul Mahmudah, Tuti Alawiyah, Maria Ulfah for their great and endless support given to me.**
- ❖ **My Alma Mater Faculty of Letters University of Jember**

MOTTO

My life is my adventure.

(ANONYM)

A Friendship is stronger than a warm of hostility

(PRAMOEDYA ANANTA TOER)

DECLARATION

I hereby state that the thesis entitled A Comparative Study of The Theme, The Plot, and The Main Characters' Character, In Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn* is an original piece of writing. I declare that the analysis and the research described in this thesis have never been submitted for any other degree or any publication. I certify that to the best of my knowledge that all sources used and any help received in this preparation of this thesis have been acknowledged.

Jember, 19 Juli 2011

The Writer

(Taufik Ismail)

APPROVAL SHEET

This thesis has been approved and defended in front of the examination committee of Faculty of Letters, Jember University.

Day : Thursday
 Date : 19 juli, 2011
 Place : Faculty of Letters, Jember University

Examination Committee,

Chairman,

Secretary,

Prof. Dr. H. Samudji, M.A.
 NIP. 194808161976031002

Dewianti Khazanah, S.S
 NIP. 198511032008122002

The Members:

1. Dra. Hj. Meilia Adiana, M. Pd (.....)
 NIP. 195105211981032002
2. Drs. Imam Basuki, M.Hum (.....)
 NIP. 196309041989021001
3. Dra. Supiastutik, M.Pd (.....)
 NIP. 196605141998032001

Approved by,
 The Dean of Faculty of Letters
 Jember University

Drs. Syamsul Anam, M.A.
 NIP. 195909181988021001

SUMMARY

A Comparative Study of The Theme, The Plot, and The Main Characters' Character In Mark Twain's The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; Taufik Ismail, 050110101003; 2011: 51 pages; English Department Faculty of Letters Jember University.

This thesis tries to compare and analyze the similarities and the differences of the theme, the plot, and the main characters' character in Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* tells about the hopes, plans and dreams of children. Then, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* tells about race and slavery at that time in America. There are some similarities of the theme, the plot, and the main characters' character in these novels, but also there are some differences of them.

This thesis uses structural approach because it will make the understanding of the similarities of the chosen aspects clearer. Both novels will be analyzed from the intrinsic aspects to know completely the meaning of the chosen aspects discussed. After knowing each aspect of the novels then comparison both of them are applied.

The method of analysis in this thesis is inductive method. It analyzes the data from the specific cases to the general conclusion. The application of the method in this thesis begins from analyzing the theme, the plot, and the main characters' character structurally. The data are collected from several books and encyclopedia dealing with theory of comparative study. In addition, a number of data taken from internet resources are applied to support the analysis of the thesis. This thesis contributes to understanding about the similarities and the differences of Mark Twain's works.

The results of the research show that these similarities imply first that there is intertextual relation among both novels, particularly in the theme, the plot, and the main characters' character.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My great gratitude is due to God for the endless blessing upon my life. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to the following people whose assistance was indispensable in supporting my study and completing my thesis:

1. Drs. Syamsul Anam, M.A., the Dean of Faculty of Letters and Drs. Moch. Ilham, M. Si., the Head of English Department for giving me permission to compose my thesis.
2. Dra. Meilia Adiana, M. Pd. and Drs. Imam Basuki, M. Hum as my first and second supervisors, for their thoroughness and promptness in reviewing my thesis in progress.
3. All lecturers of English Department, Faculty of Letters who have shared priceless knowledge during my academic years.
4. The librarians of Central library and the library of Faculty of Letters.
5. My father, M. Amin, B.Sc (Alm), who taught me everything in this life. My mothers, Annisah (Alm) and Mustohiroh., the toughest and the best mothers on earth. Also for my brothers and sisters: Aqib Ardiansyah, Husni Mubarak, Makien Ibnu Hajar, Anna Sofia, Rifa Atul Mahmudah, Tuti Alawiyah, Maria Ulfah.
6. My close friend, Siska Yumira, Thanks for your supports, thank for you loving me and everything that you give to me.
7. My beloved and my friends in English Department student of 2005, my acquaintances for their friendship, support, cares and experiences, they have shared with me all these years. I learn a lot of thing from them all.
8. Special for “Pathetic Four”, Nuran Wibi, Arif Budi, and Alfin Handi. Thanks for our adventures and our obsession.
9. Alcapone’s Family: Bajoel, Toyo, Broedin, Dedi, Oyon, Dede, Adith, Fredi, Noel, Edwin, Adoel, Kholil, Rully, Bagong and Wahyu, you gave me something a great life. I proud of you all.

10. My friends of UKM FS PORSA, Hadi, Idham, Isal, Angga, Robith, Edwin, Dipta, Dani, and others. Thanks for our experiences and competitions, success for you all.

Hopefully, this thesis may have been a good contribution towards the English studies, especially those who intend to develop their knowledge on the study of Literature.

TABLE OF CONTENT

FRONTISPIECE.....	i
DEDICATION PAGE.....	ii
MOTTO.....	iii
DECLARATION PAGE.....	iv
APPROVAL SHEET.....	v
SUMMARY.....	vi
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....	vii
TABLE OF CONTENTS.....	ix
CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION	1
1.1 The Rationale	1
1.2 The Problems to Discuss	3
1.3 The Goals of the Study.....	3
1.4 The Research Method	3
CHAPTER 2 : THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK	5
2.1 Previous Research Related to the Chosen Topic ..	5
2.2 Theoretical Review	6
2.2.1 Structural Approach	6
2.2.2 Comparative Study	7
CHAPTER 3 : STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF THE NOVELS ...	10
3.1 The Themes of the Novels.....	10
3.1.1 The Theme of <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	10
3.1.2 The Theme of <i>The Adventures of</i> <i>Huckleberry Finn</i>	12
3.2 The Plot of the Novels	16
3.2.1 The Plot of <i>The Adventures of</i> <i>Tom Sawyer</i>	17
3.2.2 The Plot of <i>The Adventures of</i>	

<i>Huckleberry Finn</i>	21
3.3 The Main Characters' Character	23
3.3.1 <i>The Main Characters' Character of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	24
3.3.2 <i>The Main Characters' Character of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	30
CHAPTER 4: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE THEME, THE PLOT, AND THE MAIN CHARACTERS' CHARACTER IN MARK TWIN'S <i>THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER AND THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN</i>	34
4.1 The Analysis of The Similarities and The Differences of The Themes	34
4.1.1 <i>The Similarities of The Themes</i>	34
4.1.2 <i>The Differences of The Themes</i>	41
4.2 The Analysis of The Similarities and The Differences of The Plots	45
4.2.1 <i>The Similarities of The Plots</i>	45
4.2.2 <i>The Differences of The Plots</i>	46
4.3 The Analysis of The Similarities and The Differences of The Main Characters' Characters	47
4.3.1 <i>The Similarities of The Main Characters' Character</i>	47
4.3.2 <i>The Differences of The Main Characters' Character</i>	49
CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION	51
BIBLIOGRAPHY	52
APPENDICES	xi
1. The Biography of Mark Twain	xi
2. The Synopsis of <i>Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	xii
3. The Synopsis of <i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	xv