



**SILAS MARNER'S LOSING AND REGAINING FAITH IN GEORGE
ELIOT'S *SILAS MARNER: THE WEAVER OF RAVELOE***

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Rationale

Literature has an important lesson for human life. By reading literary works, people may get information and experience although they do not experience as happens in the story of a literary work. People may learn how they undergo their life and become the better people after the process of reading. Cole and Lindemann state,

”A writer may deliberately attempt to write literature by imaginatively creating an experience or an event and then communicating it through language in one of the recognized forms of poetry, prose, or drama.”(1990:3)

Novel is one of the literary forms that will be analyzed in this thesis. *Silas Marner*, a dramatic novel written by George Eliot. It is her third novel and has been published in 1861. The novel is set in the early years of 19th century. In this novel, Eliot implies about the life of English village. At that time, the village in England was influenced by the effects of Industrial Revolution. Based on the facts above, *Silas Marner* written by George Eliot is an interesting novel story. Long states that *Silas Marner* is artistically the most perfect of George Eliot’s novel and we venture to analyze it as typical of her ideals and methods.(1909: 511). This novel not only tells about the great experience of a man, but also tells about the intrigue in high class families. By reading *Silas Marner*, the readers may know about the difference of social classes in 19th century England. Like all Eliot’s novels, *Silas Marner* is depressing. Turning away from the happy ending, the story is started by the main character’s sadness and incompleteness. It will give the readers moral value and message.

The novel’s main body of action takes place at the turn of the 19th century in the English rural community. However, the story goes back briefly to the late of 18th century to