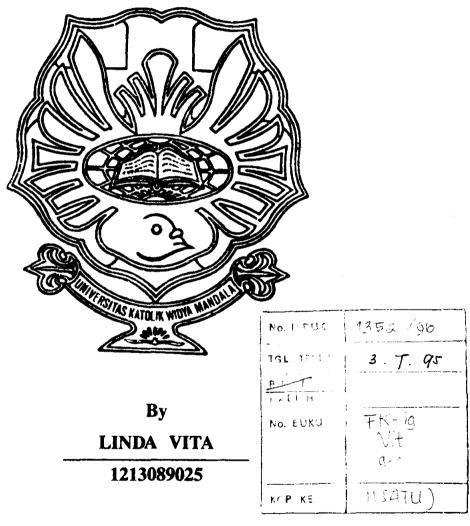
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ABSTRACT

By studying literature, students would not only improve their vocabulary building, but also learn ways of life and value. Novel with its length is one of the literary genres that expresses human life in a certain wide range. It expands in space as well as in time; therefore, novel is decidedly not meant to be read at a single sitting.

In order to have a good understanding of a novel and to be aware of what the writing is about, one should achieve the meaning or the idea of the story. Based on the reason, the writer conducts the study on Fitzgerald's novel in terms of the theme.

The writer chooses Fitzgerald's novel The Great Gatsby with the consideration that it is interesting to recognize the time of Fitzgerald when people of America were searching for their idealism and dream. It was in the decade of 20's on which values of society in the West, particularly in America were changing. The Great Gatsby, one of Fitzgerald's best novels depicts that picture clearly enough.

methodology of this study uses analytical the thematic literary method and approach. analytical method is a technique to analyze a work tearing it into pieces, that is to discuss the story through its elements: characters, plot, setting, and point of view. The thematic literary approach is a technique to define some common approaches by which the author conveys his ideas through the narrator's direct statement orthe characters' dramatic statements. the work itself together with the literary Finally, add up to the story's idea. elements

Having analyzed the story's elements with all the writer comes to the theme that outward appearance affects people so much that they would use any ways to achieve their ideals. The characters of the story believe that materialism can fulfil their ideals. attracted to the beauty of the appearance then, motivated to achieve what they see or dream, they materialim as the means. However, the adopt reality shows that the materialism results nothing corrupted society.