ABSTRACT

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This study analyzes the Marxism conception towards the aspect of Marxism. The data were taken from the sentences or text produced in Twelve Years A Slave novel of Solomon Northup in 1853 which has 199 pages. Particular attention is given to the concerning aspects of Marxism, as defined by Wood (2003). The focuses of the paper are to find out the aspects of Marxism in Twelve Years A Slave novel of Solomon Northup and also describe how Marxism are portrayed in the novel based on the aspects. The results of the study are stated as follows: The aspects of Marxism occurred are: Dialectical Materialism, Social Alienation, Exploitation of Class, and Economic Determinism. Then the aspects of Marxism found in the novel of Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup are portrayed through the difficulties of exploited and unfair treatment of being lower class.

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