

ABSTRACT

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This study applied a psychological theory to analyze the main character in the memoir *Educated* with the character name Tara Westover. This study aims to : (1) find out each phase of life experienced by Tara Westover according to psychosocial theory based on the memoir (2) analyze Tara Westover's character development after experiencing each phase of psychosocial development in the memoir *Educated* according to psychosocial theory. This study uses a psychological approach with Erick Erikson's psychosocial theory. The data source for this research is Tara Westover's memoir *Educated*, published by Random House with ISBN 978-0399590504. Data were obtained by reading and note-taking techniques. This research is a qualitative descriptive study. The results of this study are as follows: (1) The psychosocial phases passed by Tara Westover as the main character in the memoir *Educated*, namely the preschooler, schooler, youth, and Young Adulthood phases (2) In the preschooler phase, Tara Westover is dominated by a sense of Initiative, in the schooler phase, Tara Westover is dominated by feelings of Inferiority, in the Adolescence phase, she is dominated by Identity, and in the Young Adulthood phase, the main character is dominated by Intimacy.

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