



**THE IDEATIONAL MEANING  
IN FEATURE WRITING, *THE WRECK OF THE LADY  
MARY*, THE WINNER OF PULITZER PRIZE 2011**

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## ABSTRACT

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The topic of this study is the analysis of the ideational meaning of *The Wreck of the Lady Mary* a work of feature writing. In this study, the discussion was limited by finding out the answer of these questions: What are the elements of ideational meaning in Pulitzer Prize winner 2011 on feature writing category *The Wreck of the Lady Mary* based on the transitivity system? How is the ideational meaning (field) realized in this feature writing?

Qualitative descriptive research approach was used in this study. The ideational meaning found in the feature writing was realized through the system of transitivity and focused on types of processes. The techniques are choosing, documenting, and then analyzing the data to make conclusions through the text. The data of the study is the feature news entitled *The Wreck of the Lady Mary* that is gained from [www.pulitzer.org/archives/9151](http://www.pulitzer.org/archives/9151). While, from library, some references and text books related to the subject matter were selected. The data of the study were clauses in *The Wreck of the Lady Mary* written by Amy Ellis Nutt and published by *The Star-Ledger* on November 21, 2010. For the sample of the research, 76 clauses in 20 paragraphs were taken. The analysis of the data employed the following steps: First, clauses were analyzed through the system of transitivity. The clauses then were classified based on their types of processes to figure out the elements of each clause. The last step was drawing the conclusions based on the findings. After analyzing the text, it can be found that most of the clauses are in the form of statements. It also can be found that the text is one way communication. The writer played a role to give information about what happened with the Lady Mary. The most field occur in the text is about the research or investigate about something. The writer played a role to inform about the investigation on the sinking scallop boat, The Lady Mary that left six dead and spared just one crew.

Thus, the English teachers should master the knowledge of ideational meaning especially and functional grammar generally to help them in deciding good materials for the students. This knowledge is also significant for English department students. If they are able to improve their skill in ideational meaning, they would have been able to appreciate any kinds of written or spoken works.