

## ABSTRACT

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The short story is one of various literary works. By reading it, people can get much understanding about human characters and emotions. As a part of literature, a short story gives us knowledge which is rich in psychological aspects. It can be seen from its symbols, plot, and characters. The objectives of the study are to describe how the main character's nationality and race affect his mind to take a decision and how he could take a way out about his dilemma. The investigation used in this study is qualitative method while library and other references are used here to get data. The data are focused on sentences and dialogues from the short story which can represent the expressions of the main character's dilemma and the moral values of the short story. The procedures of collecting data are: reading, identifying, inventorying, classifying, selecting, and reporting. The approach that is used in this final project is psychological and sociological approach. Psychological approach means to analyze the short story by looking inside the mind and feeling of the author and his fictional characters. By using this approach, I analyze the psychology condition of each character toward the conflict between nationality and race. Thus sociological approach means that there is a tight correlation between literature and society where the author's life or the periods of the story take place. By using this approach, I try to connect the psychological condition of the characters that is affected by the social condition of that era. There were some results found in this thesis. First, nationality has characteristics toward society. There are two main characteristics for nationality, good and bad. Those characteristics cause and impacts generally change or affect the people themselves and the environment around them. So as race, it also affects someone's behavior toward his environment. Every race has its characteristics and it also affect someone's nationalism. Second, in every dilemma or problem that is faced by someone, there always a way out to solve the problem. In this case, the problem is nationality and race. On the basis of the conclusion, several suggestions can be offered. First, people must realize that reading literary work, short story, is not only for against time, but also to get knowledge and good lesson for our life. Second, everyone has his rights and responsibility, so we have to respect them.