



**A PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF SANTIAGO'S
MOTIVATION TO STRUGGLE FAR OUT INTO THE
SEA AS REFLECTED IN HEMINGWAY'S THE OLD
MAN AND THE SEA**

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ABSTRACT

Motivation is an important part to reach a goal. Without motivation, people will not have spirit of life. The object of this study is the novel entitled *The Old Man and The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. This novel is talking about an old fisherman who struggle far out into the sea. His motivation which motivates him to survive. The purposes of this study are to see and to find out that every body in the world has motivation to satisfy their needs. This study focuses to the main character and his motivation to struggle far out into the sea.

I used a descriptive qualitative research as a method of this study since the data were in the form of written words and they were descriptively analyzed. There were several steps in analyzing motivation of Santiago to achieve his goals in the novel. First of all, the novel was read repeatedly to understand the story. Secondly, I listed the data that are related to the topic and then categorized them into Santiago's character, his motivation and the effects of motivation. The next step was interpreting the data according to the theory related to the topic in order to clarify and analyze the meaning.

Finally, from the analysis, I find out that Santiago is an old strong fisherman, he has strong motivation and he never gives up from his failure. I conclude that Santiago's motivation to struggle for out into the is to prove to himself and the society around him that actually he is a good fisherman. He also wants to prove that the society's assumption about his unluckiness is wrong. He wants to be respected as a normal fisherman. He wants to fullfil his self esteem and self respect from other people. He wants to prove that he still has it.

By studying and analyzing Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and The Sea*, I think this novel should be involved as one of the alternative materials to be given in the literary class since it has several values to be delivered to students and besides, its story is interesting to be read and analyzed.

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