

ABSTRACT

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The final project intends to analyze catalepsy found in *The Premature Burial* short story by Edgar Allan Poe. The story portrays catalepsy, a singular disorder which is suffered by the main character. Catalepsy is a disease with no explanation about the causes and the healing way. The disease brings big influences to the main character's behavior and way of thinking. One of the big impacts is main character's fantasy which makes the main character gets trouble in social adaptation.

The object of this study is *The Premature Burial*, a short story. The method applied in this final project was qualitative. The data of the study were in the form of phrases, sentences and dialogues. The procedures of collecting the data included reading, identifying, inventorying, and then reporting the data.

There are some results found. First, the short story is divided into five parts of events and moments. The first part is conflict. The conflict of the short story is the main character's fear of buried alive. The next event is the main character's doubt and distrust as the complication. The raising action which appears after the complication is the real action of the main character, that is by making his own vault. The top event is climax which tells about the main character's dream. The last event is falling action. Finally, the main character becomes a new man as the end of the story. Second, catalepsy as the main psychological problem of the main character is a kind of disease with no explanation about the causes and healing treatment although the characteristics are understandable. The main character as the sufferer cannot trust other people or even himself when his disease attacks him, because there is no difference between the sufferer and a dead person. Third, the main character's catalepsy brings the impacts to his life. The main character gets difficulties to build the trusty with other people and friends around him as the biggest impact of having catalepsy.

Based on the result of the analysis, it can be concluded that the main character's feelings and behavior are most influenced by his disease. On the basis of the conclusion, the suggestion is offered. All the situations which people face bring its impacts. The impacts often influence people feelings and behavior. There are many solutions to escape from such situations. Trying to trust to ourselves and people around us can be the best way to solve the hard situations.