WESTERN TRAVELLERS’ CHRONICLES IN ELIZABETH GILBERT’S

“EAT PRAY LOVE”

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ABSTRACT

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This final project is about western travellers’ chronicles in *Eat Pray Love* novel. The aims of the study are to analyze the travellers’ behaviour that is shown in the novel and also to find out the aspects influence the behaviour and the chronicles of western travelers influenced by the behaviour.

I used sociology of literature approach to prove that literature, particularly novel, can be used to portray the culture and society of the people in the time of its creation. The main source of the study was the *Eat Pray Love* novel. The data taken from the novel were in the form of quotation. The data were collected by reading the script, and then I tried to identify the data that related to the statement of problems. After identifying all the data, I inventoried and classified the paragraphs into a table. The next step was selecting the data to answer the statements of problem.

From the finding and interpretation, I concluded that western travellers have a tendency to immerse themselves in the culture they visit by learning local language and eating traditional food. Moreover, their behavior in the local area is producing texts about it as well as enjoying the stage created by local people. The aspect influencing western travellers’ behaviour is the fulfillment of human need as social beings. The first is the need for a compliment so the travellers feel appreciated by the local people. The second is the need for getting affirmation of their superiority. The third is the need for communication. Finally, the impact of western travellers’ behaviour to the travellers themselves is feeling superior to local people. They also keep a stance that their culture is the best they could live in. Moreover, the stories that travellers share will give impact to the image of the place, which will be spread out and be regarded as a stereotype. Those are the chronicles of western travelers influenced by the behavior.

Hopefully this study is useful for those who are keen on novel. Moreover, I wish the study can encourage the students of English Literature to conduct other studies about human behaviour and its issues.