

LOCAL WISDOM IN TRADITIONAL JAVANESE EXPRESSIONS AND INDONESIAN PROVERBS: ECOCRITICAL STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to describe the universal background, find the cultural background, and people's views of traditional Javanese expressions and proverbs. Traditional expressions and proverbs have great power to direct society and readers to return to the cultural roots and character built by traditional society. This research uses traditional Javanese expressions and proverbs based on the importance of both as local wisdom which plays a role in strengthening character and also depicting the history of community civilization through studying the ecosystem which is the background to the creation of these two works. This research uses a descriptive qualitative method with an ecocritical approach. The analysis used is descriptive analysis. The data sources for this research are documented traditional Javanese expressions and proverbs. The analysis used in this research is descriptive analysis by describing and describing the results of data collection which is then discussed using ecocritical theory. The research results show that there are three types of universal background found in traditional Javanese expressions and proverbs, namely fauna, flora and nature. The cultural background for the creation of these works includes the role of the universal background in the lives of traditional communities, such as ceremony/religion, agricultural activities, livestock, and the character of the universal background according to traditional communities.

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