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## Struggle of Love Elizabeth and Darcy As Seen in Jane Austen`S Pride and Prejudice

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### Abstract

*This thesis focuses on the love struggle between Elizabeth and Darcy, the conflict between them is prejudice and pride. Prejudice is found in Elizabeth and pride is found in Darcy, this thesis uses Steinberg's triangular theory of love with three main components such as intimacy, passion, and commitment. The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative. To obtain by searching and collecting several books related to analyzing the struggle of love, sacrifice, and external conflict in a literary work. By quoting sentences or words that show the characteristics of love struggles and forms of sacrifice, as well as external conflicts and then transcribing them. This thesis focuses on Elizabeth and Darcy love struggle, the conflict between them is prejudice and pride. Prejudice is found in Elizabeth and pride is found in Darcy. The result of the research is that Elizabeth and Darcy's love struggle is caused by the conflict between them, and the conflict comes from their own personalities, how to deal with prejudice and arrogance, especially the difference in social status class, Darcy comes from a rich family and Elizabeth comes from a low social status class family. This became a tense conflict between Elizabeth and Darcy in their love journey. After the change of attitude between them, they had to face reality, because in the change of attitude, they realized that what they had done such as prejudice by Elizabeth and arrogance from Darcy caused them to understand each other, they admitted their mistakes, apologized, accepted each other's opinions and forgave each other. This pushes them to go through conflicts that are very difficult to be united in their journey of love.*

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## I INTRODUCTION

The struggle for love in human life is a concept within a complex and varied subject that has been studied in literature, art, psychology, and philosophy for centuries. Love is sometimes often seen as an essential quality of human beings that can bring joy, satisfaction, and connection, but it can also come with challenges, conflicts, and heartache. The research object is Novel with the title *Struggle of Love Elizabeth and Darcy* is to investigate the struggles and challenges faced by the characters Elizabeth and Darcy in their romantic relationship in Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*.

This research will describe the conflicts that arise due to prejudice, social class differences, societal expectations, and personal growth that they must confront to be together. , this research will analyze how the two main characters overcome the obstacles that hinder their romantic relationship. Additionally, the research will delve into themes such as true love, forgiveness, acceptance, and personal transformation that occur in their journey towards happiness together. Through this research, it is hoped to gain a deeper understanding of the complexity of the relationship between Elizabeth and Darcy and the messages conveyed in their love story.

The struggle of love is not only related to the conflict between the two characters but also encompasses the battle against prejudice, pride, social norms, and family expectations. Elizabeth and Darcy must overcome various emotional and

intellectual hurdles to gain a deeper understanding of each other and to address the differences that hinder their relationship. With this title, the love, emotional struggles and complexities of their relationship are highlighted. By using strong words such as "struggle" and "love", this title aims to entice readers who are interested in a love story filled with conflict and deep emotions. Thus, Elisabeth and Darcy's Love Struggle as Seen in *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen was chosen to encapsulate the essence of the love struggle and conflict experienced by them in this timeless classic novel.

The importance of discussing Triangular Theory of Love in the love struggle between Elisabeth and Darcy is to understand the complex dynamics of their relationship. By applying the concepts of intimacy, attachment and involvement from the theory, we can see how emotional closeness, commitment and the decision to stay together affect their relationship. For example, intimacy could indicate how deeply in love they feel for each other, attachment could reflect the extent to which they are willing to commit to overcoming obstacles, and engagement could illustrate the extent to which they are willing to invest in a long-term relationship.

By considering this theory, we can respond to the conflicts and challenges the Elisabeth and Darcy may face in a deeper and more understanding more.

## II RESEARCH METHOD

The method used to collect data is observation of documentation. According to Creswell (2018) says that observation is a process of planned observation of the environment, people, social, activities, and social intractions. By making direct observations of what will researched and conducting research on an ongoing basis until data saturation. The result of observation provide an indepth undrtstanding of the social and cultural context from the prspective and participants.

Documentation is the analysis of various sources of written public documents such as notes, reports, magazines, letter, statistical data and

personal documents suchs as journal that are research from others and diaries. Using observation and documentation methods can be useful for obtaining indapth contextual understanding in qualitative research.

The data collection technique used in this research is reading. Because reading can involve observing and analyzing the content of the novel in detail to confirm the data inte novel under research. The data are quotations and conversations on data sources. Data collection techniques are defined as ways used by researchers to obtain information, participant data, or other research sources. The following data

collection techniques are used to build and develop insights in data collection. Based on the results of reading the novel, the author understands what theories exist and then creates a

theoretical framework. The psychological analysis of *Pride and Prejudice* was used to evaluate the novel and draw conclusions for the research.

### III RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the discussions and findings results on the research that has been carried out in the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Austen. After conducting the research, the data obtained from the findings results were based on the formulation of the problem that had been stated previously. Discussion of the findings results to be presented in the form of analysis and elaboration. While the summary of findings results presented in the form of analysis and attachments.

#### Conflicts Between Elizabeth And Dracy

When they first meet, Elizabeth has a prejudice that Darcy is arrogant and haughty based on their initial interaction. Darcy also has a prejudice against Elizabeth and considers Elizabeth not his equal socially. Over time, when they are at a social event, and Darcy sees Elizabeth's sister from a mistake, Elizabeth begins to see the good side and noble actions of Darcy. Meanwhile, Darcy grew to respect and like Elizabeth's intelligence and strong personality.

However, their pride and prejudice continue to hinder honest communication between them. Only after overcoming pride through sincere self-reflection and realizing their love were they able to forget their initial judgments and begin to see each other with an open and compassionate perspective. The change in their relationship, from prejudice to mutual understanding and love arose from both learning to see themselves and appreciate each other through overcoming pride, misunderstanding, and initial biased prejudices. This effort affected the dynamics of their relationship in a renewing way.

*"Come on, Darcy," Mr. Bingley invited. I must dance. I hate to see you leave yourself alone in this stupid way.*

*Better skip it. Of course not. You know how much I hate this unless you know my partner in particular. In a meeting like this, it's unbearable.*

*Your sister is angry, and there's no other woman in the room who wouldn't be a punishment for me.*

(Chapter 3 page 7)

The quotation above states that there is a refusal of Darcy to Bingley to dance because Darcy feels uncomfortable and Darcy does not want to depend on the alien and he has not got a partner to dance. It is an intimacy that refers to matters of attraction. Although Darcy has not yet found a partner to dance but he does not want to dance with other girls in the room because he thinks that the girl in the room to dance is not worthy of him. Darcy thinks that girl in the room is not equal to his social class. This shows that is arrogance in Darcy and considers the women in the dance room unworthy of being a partner for dancing. This is what pushes Elizabeth to be prejudice against Darcy because Elizabeth overheard Bingley and Darcy's conversation.

*"That's exactly what I should get for you," Elizabeth said. "You started picking on me, didn't you?" he called, turning to her.*

*"Oh! yes, I understand you perfectly." "I would take that as a compliment; but to be so easily exposed, I fear, is a shame." That's how it happens. It does not follow that a deep and complex character is more or less valuable than a character like yours. " Lizzy," cried her mother, "remember where you are, and don't run as they let you do at home." I did not know before," continued Bingley immediately, "that you studied characters. It must be an amusing study. "Yeah, but complex characters are the funniest. They have at least this advantage. "*

(Chapter 4 page 30)

The above conversation shows that Elizabeth understands what Bingley has said, this affects intimacy, which refers to familiarity and Elizabeth's sense of trust, because Bingley could

have left quickly but she still feels at home in Netherfield. However, Elizabeth words state that it is not the same as her who feels very sad because Bengley easily understands Elizabeth. And it is not the same as Elizabeth herself that she does not easily understand others, similar to what she understands about Darcy. Elizabeth was quickly prejudiced against others. This statement shows that Elizabeth is quick to assume about someone's behaviour that is unpleasant for her because she cannot understand someone's behaviour, this can be an evidence that Elizabeth is prejudiced with one of the causes is not easy to understand others. Lizzy then responded to Elizabeth that she should not speak out of turn in their own home as it would embarrass her. This statement shows that there is a level of family expectation for Elizabeth, and it is a conflict between Elizabeth and the family expectation.

### **Struggle of Love Between Elizabeth and Darcy**

The conflict between Elizabeth and Darcy can cause sacrifice to fight for their love, this arises from within each of them, especially in their first meeting with indifference between each other. As time goes by, there is a change between them when they express their feelings to each other, this triggers how they deal with arrogant attitudes and prejudice as a result of not understanding each other, causing poor communication, especially in differences in social class status.

*"I never thought Mr. Darcy was as bad as he was, though I never liked him. I had not*

*thought so ill of him. I had assumed he despised his people in general, but no I did not suspect that he was this mean, unfair, inhumane.*

*However, after a few minutes' reflection, he continued: "I remember him boasting one day at Netherfield about the ruthlessness of his grievances, his pitiless character. His character must be terrible.*

*"I will not believe on the subject," replied Wickham; "I can't be right with him."*

*(Chapther16 page 57)*

The above sentence states that Elizabeth is facing what she has done before and the allegation becomes true, this is the driver of intimacy that refers to trust where Elizabeth believes what Mr Wickham has said to her, sacrificing his initial darcy-hating, inhumane beliefs or assumptions as a result in favor of an unpleasant reality. Intimacy referring to trust Elizabeth realised that Darcy was more what she thought. This is a form of sacrifice where it should not be the same what has been thought should be accepted and still blame the person whose attitude to everyone. This is a sacrifice and suffering that is very painful for Elizabeth, because what Elizabeth suspected was more than she expected, it was very contradictory for Elizabeth about what Mr Wickham had told her and caused tension between them and triggered hatred for Elizabeth and Darcy.

## **IV CONCLUSION**

This research analyzes the love struggle between Elizabeth and darcy in the novel pride and prejudice by Austen. The title of this research is raised from the point of view of Steinberg's psychology, the researcher reveals that Elizabeth comes from a family whose social class status is low and darcy comes from a rich family. Elizabeth and Darcy's love struggle occurs when there is conflict between them. In the course of their love, they faced a lot and became a struggle to deal with prejudice and arrogance, this comes from the personality of each person, where darcy boasted and belittled Elizabeth's family and insulted Elizabeth because of the difference in social status

class. Elizabeth was prejudiced against darcy or all his arrogant behavior and treatment.

This becomes a conflict between Elizabeth and darcy in their struggle for love and which they will face in their journey of love. Elizabeth will face her prejudice against darcy by what darcy's behavior and attitude towards Elizabeth's family and his arrogant behavior by looking down on others because of the difference in social status class. Darcy will also face and sacrifice about the mistakes he has made from the beginning of their meeting and sacrifice by helping Elizabeth's sister's marriage, and Darcy does not care how much sacrifice is made to keep Elizabeth's family in big trouble because he helps Elizabeth's family

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Elizabeth and Darcy love struggle is a very difficult challenge, because they face problems that come from themselves where Elizabeth is aware of understanding Darcy well, whereas she was previously prejudiced, this makes Elizabeth have to face her own attitude because she has prejudiced Darcy due to lack of good communication. The struggle of Darcy's mind starts from him wanting to express his feelings to Elizabeth because he admires her. He faces a problem that exists in himself because he is aware that he has done something wrong to Elizabeth but

Darcy loves and admires Elizabeth Elizabeth's struggle for love and Darcy is a very difficult challenge, because they face problems that come from themselves where Elizabeth is aware of understanding Darcy well, whereas she was previously prejudiced, this makes Elizabeth have to face her own attitude because she has prejudiced Darcy caused by lack of good communication. The struggle of Darcy's mind starts from him wanting to express his feelings to Elizabeth because he admires her.

He faces problems within himself because he is aware that he has done something wrong to Elizabeth but Darcy loves and admires Elizabeth. Over time Elizabeth and Darcy apologize for the mistakes they have made and forgive each other, which they already understand and accept each other's opinions. This makes them even closer in their love journey, and finally after their personality changes occur they can go through conflicts full of obstacles and come from themselves. As time goes by Elizabeth and Darcy apologize for the mistakes they have made and forgive each other, which they already understand and accept each other's opinions. This makes them even closer in their love journey, and finally after their personality changes occur they can go through conflicts full of obstacles and come from themselves



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