

**THE AFRICAN AMERICANS' STRUGGLE TOWARD  
DISCRIMINATION AS REFLECTED IN NAOMI LONG  
MADGETT'S *MIDWAY* AND *ALABAMA CENTENNIAL***

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Discrimination is a harmful action toward others because of their membership in particular group. Discrimination occurs in many parts of the world. The example of discrimination is discrimination toward the African Americans in the US. For those who face racial discrimination, they have to remain strong and continuously struggle to face it. Struggle is an effort to face difficulties to get or to do something. Poetry portrays the experience of the poet or particular occasions in the poet's life. That is the reason why Sociological Approach is used in this research. The African American's struggle theme is reflected in Naomi Long Madgett's poems; to mention *Midway* and *Alabama Centennial*. The purpose of this research is to find the African Americans struggle toward discrimination in both poems.

There are three racial discriminations that are shown in *Midway* and *Alabama Centennial*; they are racial discrimination in social issues, racial discrimination in education, and racial discrimination in politics. The discriminations are related to the African Americans struggle.

The struggle is a result of the African Americans discrimination. The struggle and the African Americans discrimination are connected to the African Americans history to obtain freedom and civil right equality in America.

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Diskriminasi adalah tindakan kekerasan terhadap suatu kelompok tertentu. Diskriminasi sering terjadi di berbagai tempat di seluruh dunia. Salah satu contohnya adalah diskriminasi yang terjadi terhadap orang-orang Afrika-Amerika di US. Bagi mereka yang menghadapi diskriminasi rasial, mereka harus tetap kuat dan berjuang terus menerus untuk mengahadapinya. Perjuangan merupakan sebuah usaha untuk menghadapi kesulitan dalam memperoleh sesuatu atau dalam melakukan sesuatu. Puisi menggambarkan pengalaman-pengalaman atau peristiwa-peristiwa tertentu dari penyair dan puisi bertindak sebagai media untuk mengekspresikan pengalaman atau peristiwa tersebut. Itulah alasan mengapa penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan sosial. Puisi bertema perjuangan orang-orang Afrika-Amerika ini direfleksikan di dalam puisi karya Naomi Long Madgett yaitu *Midway* dan *Alabama Centennial*. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan perjuangan orang-orang Afrika-Amerika dalam melawan diskriminasi pada kedua puisi tersebut.

Ada tiga rasial diskriminasi yang ditunjukkan dalam puisi *Midway* dan *Alabama Centennial* yaitu rasial diskriminasi dalam bidang sosial, rasial diskriminasi dalam bidang pendidikan dan rasial diskriminasi dalam bidang politik. Diskriminasi tersebut kemudian dihubungkan dengan perjuangan orang-orang Afrika-Amerika.

Perjuangan merupakan hasil dari diskriminasi terhadap orang-orang Afrika Amerika. Perjuangan dan diskriminasi terhadap orang-orang Afrika Amerika kemudian dihubungkan dengan sejarah orang-orang Afrika-Amerika untuk mencapai kebebasan dan persamaan hak di Amerika.

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