

**AN ANALYSIS ON CONNOTATIVE MEANING AND
MESSAGE IN LINKIN PARK'S SONGS IN A *THOUSAND
SUNS* ALBUM**

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ABSTRACT

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Language is a fundamental device used by people to communicate. A sentence or an utterance in which people use to express their feelings and thoughts is generally containing either literal meaning or non-literal meaning. One kind of non-literal meaning is connotative meaning which is subjective and not perceived the same way by the speakers of a language. This research focuses on analysing the connotative meaning contained in Linkin Park's song lyrics by using Leech's theory (1990). This research is aimed to show the interpretation of the connotations found in the song lyrics, the messages of the songs, and the contribution of the connotations to the messages. The problems of the study are (1) what are the expressions containing connotative meanings in the song lyrics of Linkin Park's *A Thousand Suns* album, (2) what are the messages of the songs in Linkin Park's *A Thousand Suns* album, and (3) how do the connotations contribute to the messages conveyed in the songs.

This research used qualitative approach because the data are in the form of song lyrics. Documentary analysis was applied to find out the connotative meaning contained in the song lyrics, the messages, and the contribution of the connotations to the messages of the songs. The researcher collected the data by downloading the songs and the lyrics, reading the song lyrics, and making a list of the expressions that contain connotative meaning. Then the researcher analyzed the data by identifying the connotative meanings, figuring out the messages, and correlating the contribution of the connotations to the messages.

The result of the research shows that there are 46 utterances containing connotative meanings in the song lyrics. The connotative meaning found is carried within words, phrases, and also sentences. The messages conveyed in the songs are mostly motivating and persuasive. The connotations used in the song lyrics are to portray images and build certain atmospheres. The connotations found in the song lyrics play an important role in creating particular senses and delivering the messages.

The researcher suggests the next researchers conduct a research in semantics field by using different object of the study such as Indonesian songs. Also, different theory may be used as well in order to get more understanding about connotative meaning.

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Bahasa adalah alat dasar yang digunakan orang untuk berkomunikasi. Kalimat atau tutur kata yang digunakan untuk mengungkapkan perasaan serta pikiran pada umumnya mengandung makna sebenarnya dan makna tidak sebenarnya. Salah satu jenis makna tidak sebenarnya adalah makna konotasi yang bersifat subyektif dan memiliki makna yang berbeda-beda bagi orang dengan satu bahasa yang sama. Penelitian ini berfokus pada analisis makna konotasi yang terkandung dalam lirik lagu Linkin Park dengan menggunakan teori Leech (1990). Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menunjukkan penafsiran dari makna konotasi yang ditemukan dalam lirik lagu, pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu, dan kontribusi dari konotasi terhadap pesan dalam lagu. Rumusan masalah mencakup (1) ungkapan apa yang mengandung makna konotasi dalam lirik lagu Linkin Park di album *A Thousand Suns*, (2) pesan apa yang terdapat dalam lagu-lagu Linkin Park di album *A Thousand Suns*, dan (3) bagaimana konotasi yang ditemukan berkontribusi terhadap pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu-lagu tersebut.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif karena data yang digunakan berupa lirik lagu. Analisis dokumen diterapkan untuk menemukan makna konotasi yang terkandung dalam lirik lagu, pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu, serta kontribusi dari konotasi terhadap pesan dalam lagu. Peneliti mengumpulkan data dengan cara mengunduh lagu beserta liriknya, membaca lirik lagu, dan membuat daftar ungkapan yang mengandung makna konotasi. Kemudian peneliti menganalisis data dengan mengidentifikasi makna konotasi tersebut, menemukan pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu, serta menghubungkan antara konotasi dengan pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat 46 tutur kata dalam lirik lagu yang mengandung makna konotasi. Makna konotasi yang ditemukan terdapat dalam kata, frase, dan juga kalimat. Pesan yang terdapat dalam lagu kebanyakan memotivasi dan bersifat persuasif. Konotasi yang digunakan dalam lirik lagu untuk menciptakan gambaran dan suasana tertentu. Konotasi yang ditemukan dalam lirik lagu memiliki peranan yang penting dalam menciptakan perasaan tertentu dan menyampaikan pesan.

Peneliti menyarankan kepada peneliti selanjutnya untuk melakukan penelitian di bidang semantik dengan menggunakan obyek yang berbeda seperti film atau majalah. Selain itu, peneliti selanjutnya bisa menggunakan teori yang berbeda untuk bisa memahami makna konotasi dengan lebih baik.

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