Moral Education Values in Tere Liye's novel Amelia as The Implementation of Student Character Building Through Indonesian Language Learning

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Abstract. This research is a type of qualitative descriptive research. The subject of this research is the novel Amelia by Tere Liye, namely excerpts from the novel containing the values of moral education. The results showed that there were seven values of moral education in the novel Amelia by Tere Liye, including honesty, compassion, not giving up, being patient, helping, caring and loving peace. Through the description of the values of moral education found in the novel Amelia by Tere Liye, this can be used as a reference for character learning through Indonesian language subjects. Because the analysis of the values of moral education is carried out through intrinsic and extrinsic elements. Mainly the values of moral education in the novel which can be found through the analysis of the extrinsic elements of literary works which are Indonesian language learning materials. So that the extrinsic analysis found through the values of moral education in the novel can be used as a learning tool in Indonesian subjects.

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1 Introduction

The development of the times certainly requires humans to be able to follow it, especially in the field of education which is increasingly being demanded to be able to follow the needs of life in accordance with the times. So that educational institutions at this time become the driving force and management and development of education to be able to produce quality human resources. Moral education is very important for the needs of human life throughout the ages, human beings certainly need moral education, wherever and forever. Moral education certainly has a very important role and has an important meaning. Therefore, the moral education that has been taken by the community will be a determinant of the good and bad of a nation's society. Education is a conscious, planned effort in creating a learning atmosphere and learning process so that children can develop actively in developing themselves as self-control, have a wise and wise personality, are intelligent, have noble character, have religious spiritual strength and skills needed by themselves, and for society and nation.

The progress of a nation is certainly largely determined by the quality of its human resources. Because the success and progress of a nation is not only determined by the abundance of natural resources but can be seen from the quality of its human resources. Moral education must of course be instilled and directed from an early age so that children can behave positively, but on the contrary if the cultivation of the child's personality fails, the child's personality will have problems until adulthood.

Moral education is very important, because it not only forms an intelligent character but has a positive personality and character, in the future children can become the nation's successors who have good character based on the norms and order of the nation's noble values and religious teachings. Based on the purpose of education, namely to make Indonesian children as human beings who are intelligent and of good character, which is the ultimate goal of real education. Moral education is the character, nature and are basic things in a person that can distinguish one's character from others. Moral is human behavior that is influenced by its character. Moral education is a human act that is good and reasonable and can be accepted by the general public. Moral education is a bridge of knowledge and in improving skills. Because knowledge without a proper foundation will certainly be misleading and having skills without self-awareness will be devastating. Therefore, the step-in shaping children's character from an early age is certainly a step that is believed to be very appropriate because when children are still at an early age which is the golden age. Namely the best period in the child's learning process that occurs only once and will not happen again. The growth and development of children will take place
quickly and will determine the nature and character of children until they grow up. Therefore, the cultivation of quality moral education needs to be known by children from an early age, to provide an overall personal understanding. Moral education can be likened to a pattern that will be firmly attached to the child, be it thoughts, feelings, attitudes and actions.

So that the values of moral education instilled in each child will be different, because the actions, behaviors and attitudes that exist in children are not something that appears suddenly. There was a long process before which then made the attitudes and behaviors attached to the child. Therefore, there is a need for efforts that must be made by teachers to be able to convey the values of moral education to children, one of which is through formal learning at school, one of which is through Indonesian language subjects, in which there are novels as a tool for learning values that can be found, one of which is the values of moral education in the novel Amelia by Tere Liye.

Achievements in the process of understanding moral values in children are aimed at delivering children to be used and understood by children. The strategy that can be used by the teacher is to describe the values of moral education found in the novel Amelia by Tere Liye. The values found are then associated with the values of existing moral education in accordance with the existing phenomena to make it easier for children to understand.

Literary works are a means of communication between writers and their readers. Literary works always contain thoughts, ideas, stories and messages that are communicated to the reader. Literary works are born in the midst of society as a result of the author's imagination and reflection on the surrounding social phenomena[1]. This opinion implies that literary works (e.g. prose, poetry, and drama) can be a portrait of life through the characters in the story. How to capture the message of the story, the reader must be able to appreciate it.

Literary works are expected not only as entertainment or beauty for their readers, but can provide something that is really needed by humans in general, namely in the form of literary values such as educational, moral, social, and religious values, and culture which has dimensions of life [2]. One type of literary work is a novel. Novel is a new form of prose that describes some of the lives of the characters in the novel. [3] state that the novel is a depiction of real life and behavior from the time when the novel was written in the form of a work of art.

In the novel, it tells some extraordinary lives, conflicts occur until there is a change in fate, there are several plots or storylines, there are several incidents that affect the storyline and the characters or characterizations are described in depth. The elements that make up the novel can be grouped into two elements, namely intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements. Intrinsic elements are elements that build literary works from within, such as: themes, characters and characterizations, plot, setting, author's point of view, mandate, and style of language.

While extrinsic elements are elements that build literary works from outside, such as: religious values, moral values, social values, educational values and cultural values. Values have a very broad meaning when associated with elements that exist in humans in the form of reason, thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Something is said to be of value if something is useful (use value), true (truth value), beautiful (aesthetic value), good (moral), and so on. [4] Value comes from the mind which functions to encourage and direct human attitudes and behavior, as well as guide human behavior in everyday life, literature that is favored by readers.

This type of literary work tells the various problems of human life in their interactions with the environment and their interactions with themselves, as well as their interactions. Amelia's novel is the first novel but published in the last session of Tere-Liye's work published by Republika in October 2013. This novel talks about a girl who is the youngest of four siblings named Amelia, Amelia does not accept the reality in the family of being the youngest child because she is not given the freedom to play and is always teased by her two older brothers that she is only waiting for the house, and becomes a victim to be ordered.

Because of their tradition in that village being the youngest child can't go anywhere even though they are married, they just stay back to take care of their parents, therefore Amelia really wants to replace her sister Eliana's position so that she gets the freedom to be able to do what she wants, and can continue school outside to achieve her goals, but her parents allowed Amelia to continue school in the city and continue college to become a teacher.

Tere-Liye illustrates to readers, especially teenagers today, that spend your youth with positive things. The reality in everyday life that many problems arise, for example moral values in life are increasingly being eroded so that people can act arbitrarily, act anarchically, selfishly, selfishly, have no sense of caring for others, lack of love for the country, and other negative things. Based on this phenomenon, the researcher will describe the moral values contained in the novel Amelia by Tere-Liye. The moral values in Amelia's novel provide motivation and enthusiasm, as well as add and provide knowledge to achieve a better life for readers.

The value of education is a human effort (educator) to responsibly guide students to maturity.[5] As a business that has certain goals, it is only natural that it implicitly contains problems in evaluating the results of the business. The value of education itself is an act of life's demands that can be used as a good example when faced with diversity, ethics, social and culture so that everything is good and useful. The value of education is related to morals, religion, culture, social and so on. Values are an important part of culture.

An action can be morally acceptable if it is harmonious or in line with the values that have been agreed and upheld by the community where the action is carried out. If an action is not in accordance with the values that exist in the community, it will be considered deviant by the community. [6] Moral or morality comes from the Latin mos, mores which has basically the same
meaning as morals but looks more abstract. For example, we talk about "morality of an act" meaning we are talking about the good or bad of an action, which means that morality is a moral trait or the whole principle and value that is good or bad.

Moral is the absolute value in social life as a whole. Research on morals can be measured from the culture of the local community. Moral is a person’s actions or behavior or words in interacting with humans. If what a person does is in accordance with the values prevailing in his community, that person is considered to have good morals. Meanwhile, [7] states that moral values have a relationship with character values. The scope of discussion of character values is based on ethics or moral philosophy which emphasizes the main elements of personality, namely awareness and the role of conscience and virtue for a good life based on the system and law of community moral values. Morals are teachings or advice, standards, a collection of rules, both oral and written about how humans must live and act in order to become good human beings.

2 Research Methods

This type of research uses qualitative research. The data in this study are the moral values contained in the text of Tere-Liye’s novel Amelia. The data source in this study is the text of the novel Amelia by Tere-Liye, the first printing but published in the last session in October 2013 which was published by Republika with a total of 392 pages. The data collection technique in this study was to use reading and note-taking techniques. Reading technique is a technique of using written sources to obtain data.

[8] The note-taking technique means that the researcher as the key instrument makes careful, focused and thorough observations of the primary data source. Data collection techniques are the methods used by researchers to collect data. Data collection techniques are the methods used by researchers to collect data. Based on the research used in the novel Amelia by Tere-Liye using reading techniques. Reading technique is done by examining in depth the available data or information. The note-taking technique is the data obtained from listening and then recorded in accordance with the data obtained.

[9] Here are the analysis steps, (1) Reading and understanding the contents of Tere-Liye’s novel Amelia, (2) Collecting data in the form of reference quotes and research objects in novels, (3) Identify the data according to the research problem, namely, moral values, (4) Grouping or classifying the data obtained, (5) Describing readings related to moral values in literature review, (6) Describe the moral values in the novel Amelia by Tere-Liye, (7) give the final conclusion of the moral values in the novel amelia by Tere Liye.

3 Result and Discussion

Moral values are actions or behavior and speech of a person in interacting with other humans if what a person does is in accordance with the values of taste prevailing in the community and is acceptable and pleasing to the community, then that person is considered to have good morals, morals are also a product of culture and religion.

Each culture has different moral standards according to the prevailing value system and has been built for a long time. The method used is a qualitative method. This method provides a free and special space to describe the moral values of the novel. The method or technique used is reading, studying in depth, understanding, and taking notes. This is used to determine and find out moral values and then scan by describing the results of research findings.

According to [10] qualitative research methods are research that understands the phenomena contained in research subjects such as behavior, perceptions, actions and others. In this qualitative method, it reveals research problems by classifying, describing, identifying, analyzing, and providing an understanding of what things are being studied.

From the results of this study, it was found that in the novel Amelia by Tere-Liye there was one main character, namely Amelia herself who became the main character in the story because it was always shown continuously so that it dominated most of the stories. Amelia’s character tells the best story at home, even though Amelia hates her three sisters, always mocks with the word that the youngest child will not go anywhere and is waiting for the house, but Amelia always obeys their orders, and at school she meets one of her friends named Norris, Norris.

A child who is so naughty at school who always makes trouble at school until the only teacher Mr. Bin asks Amelia to get closer to Norris and invites him to do homework, because of his naughtiness so that his friends distance themselves from Norris, finally Mr. Bin asks Amelia to be friends even though Amelia objected that Norris would not want to, but Amelia admitted that she would try and in the end Norris realized and wanted to learn and finally made friends.

(1) Honesty. Honest is a beautiful word expressed from the sincerity of everyone's heart when telling the truth. Honesty is a very valuable value that needs to be possessed by everyone, so it needs to be continuously instilled in human life, both concerning the attitudes and behavior of a person who relates to God, self-relationships, relationships with family, relationships with society, and the nation as well as behavior. to the natural surroundings. When being honest and polite, a person’s character and character can set an example for others, when the person who takes the example without realizing it has given a very valuable value to that person so that it should be exemplified.

(1) Kebetulan saja Amel, sewaktu menumpang dokar ke pasar, Kakak tidak sengaja menemukan dompet yang tertinggal di bangku, Kakak mengambil dompet itu sesuai alamati yang tertulis di dalamnya. Pemilik dompet ternyata yang punya toko baju besar itu. Dia mau memberikan hadiah karena telah menemukan dompet itu, Kakak menolaknya, dia lantas bertanya apakah Kakak bisa membaca, menulis dan berhitung. Aku mengangguk, bilang justru sedang melanjutkan sekolah di kota. Dia menawarkan...
pekerti, bilang tidak banyak orang yang bisa dipercaya sekaran. Lantas Kakak disuruh menjaga meja kasir, menghitung uang jualan, jadilah Kakak bekerja disana. Kebetulan kan?”[11]

Quotation (1) explains that Eliana was honest when she found the wallet in the dokar left on the bench she felt guilty when she took the wallet that belonged to someone else, Eliana decided to return the wallet according to the address written on it. The value of honesty in this novel quote teaches us to be honest when we find something that is not ours. It must be returned to the owner, indirectly Eliana has set an example of the value of good honesty, because at home her mother always teaches Eliana to always do something good to everyone.

Examples of honest behavior (a) in the family environment include, returning excess spending money to parents, informing parents of the actual school exam results, not taking family members’ belongings carelessly. (b) Honest Behavior in the School Environment, among others, Doing school assignments or exams without cheating. Not lying to teachers or friends. Not taking friends’ belongings without telling friends beforehand. (c) Honest behavior in the Community, including Not lying or slandering others and Admitting mistakes if violating the rules or norms in society.

(2) Be honest not only in attitude but also in one’s speech, how to express it well, respect others, respect people who are more mature than us and also how to communicate with people, must see the situation or situation. The value of being honest contains a lot of words that are valuable for human life, so you can pass it on as well as possible because the word honest is sometimes difficult to say so that there are many lies between one party and the other party concerned. Every human being has his own character to give good values in his daily life to anyone to say honesty from sincerity.


Quotation (2) describes Eli’s great love for his younger siblings, even though his younger siblings always think that Eli’s brother is evil, even though behind it all it is a form. Then in the analysis of the data found, writing the name of the of affection for them.

So, the novel above shows that we should never misinterpret the chatty attitude of others, especially if it’s a brother or a parent, they act like that doesn't mean they are angry or hateful. Precisely because they love. And conversely, a silent and indifferent attitude that shows that the person does not love and does not care. The attitude and behavior of a person to carry out his duties and obligations, which he should do, towards himself, society, environment, nature, social and culture, the State and God Almighty.

Examples of affectionate behavior (a) in the family environment include loving parents and siblings, having a good breakfast with family, Saying hello to father and mother before leaving for school, participating in community service work in the home environment, Helping mother and father, Taking care of younger siblings, Mutual keep time in crowded places, don't make fun of each other, help each other, talk nice and polite to anyone. (b) in the school environment, among others, giving help when friends need, greeting and talking to teachers around the school, sharing with friends, listening when friends tell stories, being happy when friends are happy, visiting friends who are sick, entertaining when friends sad, Provide support and encouragement to friends (c) in the community, among others, Always reprimand and talk to neighbors or the surrounding community, Always participate in community service programs.

(3) Responsible. The attitude and behavior of a person to carry out his duties and obligations, which he should do, towards himself, society, environment, nature, social and culture, the State and God Almighty.


Quotation (3) explains that Eliana is the eldest of four siblings, she has a great responsibility for her younger siblings. Eli’s parents were busy going to the fields. All the housework was borne by Eli. Eli’s younger brothers Pakut and Burlian are very difficult to get to help Eli, they prefer to play outside the house, rather than having to help their brother work, which always makes it difficult for Eli to find him. Usually Eli only lives alone with Amelia when Pakut and Burlian go to play outside the house, Amelia is always asked by Eli to help her because there is a lot of work to be done because her parents give her the responsibility, so this novel teaches us that there is no need to feel sorry for yourself when We are born into any child, whether it be the eldest child, second child, youngest child, even an only child.

We should be grateful because every child has the same position and the difference lies only in their responsibilities. Examples of responsible behavior (a) in the family environment include maintaining the good name of the family, maintaining a clean, comfortable, and safe environment for children, making rules that have been set together, disciplinary attitudes and behavior in accordance with applicable norms and rules. in the family, Maintain good relations to respect, love, and appreciate in the family, (b) in the community, among others, Participate in village clean-up activities, youth organizations, participate in kamling post activities, Activities in this environment to maintain cleanliness, safety, and order in society, Not committing acts that violate the rules in society, for example, not stealing and taking the law into their own hands, Respecting the differences in people of different
Amelia knew shoes and new uniforms. Again, because of limitations in our family, you have to temporarily wear sis Eli's clothes.

(6) Dan Mamak dengan suara nyaring langsung menyahut dari dapur. Bangunkan adik-adik kau, Eli. Hari ini mamak dan Bapak akan sibuk sekali membantu Mang Dulah menebar bibit padi. Harus segera berangkat pagi-pagi buta [11]. Quotation (6) explains that Mamak and Mr. always give role models to their children so that they have the nature of helping each other, the example of helping each other in the quote above is during the season for sowing seeds in the Mang Dulah field, it has become a tradition for the people of Bukit Barisan in every season. Sowing seeds they always help each other.

Examples of helping behavior include (a) in the community Providing compensation to orphans, providing assistance to victims of natural disasters in the form of food, clothing, medicine or money, becoming a blood donor, Supporting the poor. (b) in the school environment, borrowing stationery from friends who do not bring, helping to clean the classroom, visiting sick friends, reporting bad deeds found at school to teachers, sharing food supplies, group study together, (c) in the family environment, among others Participate meeting to determine something, helping each other if there is a need that must be done together, praying together, Community service cleaning the house.

(7) Care. Caring is an attitude to always feel the suffering of others, to share when the suffering of some other people is sick, to feel sad when some of our brothers and sisters are afflicted with aggravating circumstances and arouse feelings of pity and compassion. (7) Pak Bin terdiam lama. Aku sebenarnya tidak perlu bertanya hal itu. Satu kampung juga tahu betapa peduli Pak Bin atas pendidikan anak-anak. Pak Bin bahkan menghabiskan banyak waktu mendatangi rumah-rumah tetangga, membujuk agar anak mereka meneruskan sekolah, jangan berhenti di tengah jalan. Pertanyaan ku hanya menambah beban pikiran Pak Bin. " [11] Quotation (7) explains that Pak Bin really cares about education in the Bukit Barisan Valley. When many children drop out of school because their parents want their children to help in the fields, Pak Bin always gives understanding. Pak Bin always goes to people's homes to persuade them to allow their children to continue their education. Pak Bin wants children to be able to get a proper education, children are the next generation of the nation, if they stop going to school, then they will not develop and the population in the Bukit Barisan Valley will continue to be left behind and will never progress. Pak Bin's concern made us realize that education is important for children, they have the right to get a proper education, parents must support their education because the fate of this nation depends on our children.

So as to be able to express ideas correctly to communicate it to the reader. Word choice errors also occur because students have limited use of vocabulary due to students who lack reading in spelling and reviewing vocabulary properly and correctly. [12] So students can have mastery, vocabulary improve and
increase the vocabulary student have. In the learning process, students often experience errors and mistakes in learning. However, the teacher must be able to help students understand the learning material well.

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4 Conclusion

Based on the results of research and discussion, it can be concluded that the moral values contained in Amelia’s novel are described through the attitudes of the characters through the good and bad behavior of the characters in the novel. And as in the results of the research he got as follows, namely: (1) Honesty is a very valuable value that needs to be owned by everyone, so it needs to be continuously instilled in human life both concerning the attitudes and behavior of a person who relates to God, self-relationship, themselves, relationships with family, relationships with society, and the nation as well as behavior towards the natural surroundings, (2) Compassion is an attitude of mutual respect and love for all of God’s creations, both living and inanimate objects such as oneself based on a noble conscience.

We as good citizens should continue to cultivate compassion for others without discriminating against relatives, ethnicity, race, class, skin color, social position, gender, and old or young, (3) being responsible is an attitude and behavior someone to carry out his duties and obligations, which he should do, to himself, society, environment, nature, social and culture, the State and God Almighty, (4) Not giving up is an attitude or behavior that feels himself capable of a dream, hope or ideal and want to return to try to continue what they want, (5) Patience is part of an effort to do everything to achieve goals or whatever we want, (6) Help is a habit the community in working hand in hand to help each other, no matter how small one's contribution in mutual cooperation and can always provide assistance support and benefit for others.

(7) Caring is an attitude to always feel the suffering of others, to share when the suffering of some other people is sick, to feel sad when some of our brothers and sisters are afflicted with aggravating circumstances and arouse feelings pity and compassion, (8) Peaceful love is an attitude, word, and action that causes others to feel happy and secure in their presence. This is because the author wants the reader to motivate the concern for togetherness in maintaining attitudes among others, especially in terms of moral education. Based on the conclusions presented, the suggestions to the reader are expected to be used as a vehicle to explore meaning.

In literary works that can be used as a reference for thinking about life as a human being, one must always act according to the ethics that apply to fellow friends, especially at school. In the field of education, readers are expected to be able to use a source of inspiration as a reference or further reference. Non-conventional education is that the teacher establishes himself as a facilitator in the midst of students who are obtained actively expressing opinions so that students can enjoy their learning, the teacher also serves as an observer.

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