

4. CONCLUSION

Being serious in conceiving fiction as a moral force and envisaging, W. Golding has profoundly captivated the thesis writer to analyze one of his novels, Lord of the Flies, focusing on the main male character, Ralph. Ralph's character traits has changed and developed because of some factors.

Ralph is a school boy who is irresponsible, coward and dependent. Ralph's characters are different with his friends whose names are Piggy and Jack. Both Piggy and Jack have important role towards Ralph's character because of them Ralph's character changes and develops. Piggy is younger than Ralph but on the other hand, he is clever in thinking and always has brilliant ideas to solve the problem which occurs on the island. It is Piggy who always gives Ralph ideas, supports, and suggestions to take decision until an accident fall on Piggy and causes his death. After Ralph experiences many things, he starts to realize that the existence of Piggy is very meaningful to him. Piggy's death gives him a very hard blow and makes him in a depressed situation.

However, through many experiences Ralph changes and develops in his character for example he begins to take decision by himself, becomes responsible, brave and independent due to Piggy. Ralph is able to take the decision to protect himself and his friends to survive and get away from the island. At the same time, Ralph's character is also influenced from his argument with Jack who always opposes him.

Ralph has never thought of getting rescued, but because of Piggy's influence and his controversy with Jack, has made him became responsible and makes himself as a leader of the boys. As soon as Ralph's awareness grows, he starts to take control over the boys and tells on what they have to do. The influence of the environment also supports to Ralph's character development. Stranded on the island has made him open his heart that he needs a friend to accompany him. As time goes by, he knows that friendship is very important and meaningful to him.

Throughout the process of character development, Ralph undergoes many disasters and problems. However, he can overcome his rivalry with Jack and

he can handle his problems with courage. At the first time he stranded on the island and faces tragedy, Ralph is still an irresponsible, dependent and cowardly but through his friendship with Piggy, rivalry with Jack and the condition of the island make him develops. He undergoes a process which makes him responsible, independent and brave.

The thesis writer finds out that a person can develop because of some factors. Whether he becomes better or worse as in the case of Ralph that he develops into a better person.