

# SELF ACTUALIZATION OF HARRY POTTER IN J.K ROWLING'S *HARRY POTTER AND THE SOCERER'S STONE*

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**Abstract.** Self-actualization is a part of a basic human need to complete his full development in life. With the theory of Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and the qualitative method, the self-actualization of Harry Potter is found gradually in physiological, safety, love and relationship, and self-esteem. Even though Harry gets sad condition from his uncle's family, Harry still can fulfill his physiological need by living with his family. While fulfilling his safety, love, and relationship needs, Harry is very tough and keeps his kind heart, so he always gets love from his best friends in his school. In fulfilling his need for self-esteem and self-actualization, Harry is accepted to study in a prestigious wizard school. Self-actualization is also explained in Harry's Motivation that he believes he must get his identity. This motivation leads his journey in life. In this Motivation, Harry takes his courage to be tough in facing the cruelty of his uncle's family. By the motivation to get his identity, Harry keeps his obedient character even though he struggles to protect his school from dangerous events.

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## INTRODUCTION

The actualization of self is a part of the way for every human to increase his value of life, and it is also the way to adjust himself in social life. For illustration, in the life journey from a baby to a grandparent, human principally tries to get self-actualization in social life. According to Abraham Mashlow's (1943) "A Theory of Human Motivation," and his subsequent book, "Motivation and Personality.", people are convinced to fulfill major necessities preceding progressing forward toward other further grown needs. Self-fruition tends to the improvement of a solitary fulfillment of the best requirements — those for importance all through day to day existence, explicitly.

Besides Abraham Maslow's theory, Carl Rogers states that potential growth aims to organize perfectly the "certified self" and the "best self" through Carl Rogers (1959).

Before coming to the highest needs of self-actualization, humans previously fulfilled other lower needs. It means self-actualization becomes the main part of social life for every human. Dealing with that, Abraham Maslow has divided into a Hierarchy of needs, i.e., physiological necessities, security needs, love and having a spot need, certainty need, and self-acknowledgment need.

The motivation that can truly help how humans want to be like their ideal self.

That he needs somebody to take care of or people to get loved. The 'ideal self' itself is like a motivation.

Self-actualization appears in the Novel JK Rowling's 'Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone' there, it has to know by the writer make idea to analyze Harry Potter's self-actualization. The writer is interested because the story of this novel relates to our life; that is because Harry Potter has tried to seek his self-actualization since he was a child until he was a teenager. The writer chooses this novel because it is not only unique, but the story also relates to basic human needs. The writer is interested in learning the self-actualization in this novel, which especially happens in the main character, Harry Potter.

#### **a) Psychological Need**

From this top point, Physiological need includes human breath like Oxygen, and the body's need like salt content, sugar contains, food and water, take some rest and also this is a high hierarchy point that human need. The primary human condition is to survive or keep until this someone is satisfied with their physiological need. Also, Physiological needs not only food thing but Also support from someone there needs.

Also, it can affect mental quality if the psychological condition is already gotten and can satisfy it.

#### **b) Safety Need**

From this, humans also need a safe place because someone can feel uncomfortable when there on danger. Every human safety is different in their need. For example, there is higher security at home and a bodyguard to keep safe from crowded people. Safety attains the highest priority over all other desires. All desires of people are also met in their physiological needs. Also, humans will satisfy that they get safety. Abraham Maslow may think that security needs are crucial for everyone.

#### **c) Love and Relationship Need**

If both physiological and safety are already claimed, Abraham Maslow also may think there is a need for Belonging or Love need. Every human also needs someone to still happy and satisfied if someone stays with they're. Love and belonging can affect their physiological and safety needs, for example, best friend, parents, girlfriend, or even boyfriend. Love and Belonging need to act that a human is also pleased.

#### **d) Self Esteem**

Physiological, Safety, and last Love or Belonging need are already included in the Hierarchy of Abraham Maslow. Esteem need is a human achievement that people, not all people also need Esteem needs.

For example, Esteem need is an achievement, a something you get the goal in your life, sometimes it makes human satisfy as get a hit goal in their want. Esteem needs, maybe in Abraham Maslow, is a small attention thing.

#### **e) Self Actualization**

Self-actualization is a final thing that humans can adapt in their life or environment that people actually can accept or not yet. It's a part of growth potential that it can understand people need growth to perfect. The theory about growth potential by Carl Rogers is a process of growing and developing as a person to achieve individual potential.

#### **f) Characterization**

According to Abram (1999:49), the character is the person in an electrifying or story work, provided with moral and dispositional qualities that are imparted in what they say, i.e., trade in the individual's disposition and moral nature for his talk and movement contain his motivation. Character is one of the earnest parts in fiction. (Abrams 1999:46) portrays character as somebody specifically "insightful," "significant attributes," and "moral"

According to Forster in Aspects of the Novel, there are two kinds of characters considering the multifaceted design of their properties.

### **METHOD**

In this research, the writer uses qualitative research since the writer

wants to explain the data that are taken from J.K Rowling's Harry Potter the Sorcerer's Stone. The data will consist of all words in the novel itself, so it will be only words in this research, not graphics, numbers, or pictures.

This research will be done by applying Abraham Maslow's hierarchy theory, including Psychological needs, Safety needs, Love and having a place need, confidence, and Self-Actualization of Harry Potter's personality. As indicated by Maslow (1943), this ordered progression recommends that individuals are persuaded to satisfy fundamental requirements prior to continuing on toward other, further developed needs. So from that theory, it can be concluded that the extrinsic approach.

### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

#### **Harry Potter's Characterization.**

Harry's character is quite a lot, but the dominance of all of his characters are five, namely brave, wise, ambitious, obedient, and intellectual.

Harry's bravery is seen when he realizes that he is right and that what he does is fully risky. In contrast, his wisdom and ambition are already seen during the fight with Voldemort, where he offers his parents to live again even though Harry has given up on what happened with his parents, even though he rises to have the ambition to defeat Voldemort after Professor Dumbledore tells the truth happened by his parents and also the wound on his forehead. Fortunately, of Harry's intellectual and kind character, he has best friends, Ron and Hermione, who are always ready to help him in any condition.

### **Brave**

Harry is brave like his father. Harry does not care only about himself. And he cares about his environment and the relationship that make him before he grows up. Harry takes the risk when he already knows that Profs Severus wants to take the Sorcerer's Stone. Ron and Hermione know the risk, that if Harry does it, he can get expelled from school. Harry's brave nature is just like his father at school. Harry feels that he does not want anything bad to happen in the school. Harry doesn't care about himself like his father, and the quote sentence below shows Harry's bravery can be seen from the quotation below.

"Don't you understand? If Snape gets hold of the Stone, Voldemort's coming back! Haven't you heard what it was like when he was trying to take over?"

There won't be any Hogwarts to get expelled from! He'll flatten it or turn it into a school for the Dark Arts!" (J.K Rowling, 1997: 229)

Ron and Hermione understand, and they feel like to know what happens, that Profs Severus hates so much. So when they're still in debate, they plan to stop Profs Severus from taking a half stone, But in the end, it is not Prof Severus. That is the misunderstanding that Profs Quirell betrays because he tries to get awaken Lord Voldemort. Profs Quirrell does succeed in the school to help Voldemort by himself, though in fact, Voldemort uses Profs Quirrell as the vessel to take the stone and also try to kill Harry.

Even Harry knows their teacher is about to try to steal the stone after the three of them know what has happened before with Profs Severus.

### **Wise**

Harry is wise, and he knows what will happen in the future and in the past when he gest fight with Voldemort. Voldemort knows that Harry wants his parent alive and to get a happy ending, sometimes Harry knows it's really hurt to believe it, but Harry never breaks his promise that he doesn't want his parent alive. Harry still feels homesick for his parents, who have died as a result of a violent fight between the school and The Death Eaters, for the quote sentence below:

"Don't be a fool," snarled the face. "Better save your own life and join Me...or you'll meet the same end as your parents...They died begging me for mercy...."

"LIAR!" Harry shouted suddenly. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 211)

Harry still fights even though he knows that at last, he will be killed by Voldemort, he will never give the stone to Voldemort, and he still wants to spring the flame door. Harry really hurt because Harry falls into Profs Quirrell's arm and a needle-sharp pain that makes Harry had a curse related by Voldemort a long time ago. James and Lily put some magic or curses on Harry's forehead, and this happens to Harry, having a thin scar like a lightning bolt.

### **Ambition**

After Harry can escape from Profs Quirrell's arm, Harry jumps to his feet but gets caught again by Profs Quirell, who tries to throw Harry into the die. Voldemort just yells to Profs Quirell to speed up Harry's sacrifice. The head really hurt him so much. But Harry still fights to get off from Profs Quirell. From quotes below :

"KILL HIM! KILL HIM!" and other voices, maybe in Harry's own head, crying, "Harry! Harry!"

He felt Quirrell's arm wrenched from his grasp, knew all was lost, and fell into blackness, down...down... down...

Something gold was glinting just above him. The Snitch! He tried to catch it, but his arms were too heavy.

He blinked. It wasn't the Snitch at all. It was a pair of glasses. How strange. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 212)

But fortunately, Harry can escape

from Profs Dumbledore and take his three days for wake up from this fight war with Profs Quirell and Lord Voldemort. Professor Dumbledore explains what happened long ago about the big war and Harry's parents death by Lord Voldemort and about the next happening after he falls into blackness.

### **Loyal**

Harry gets up in the cupboard, which is a room for him, they don't care about Harry so well, and they just care about Dudley and his birthday. So there is aunty Petunia, that wakes him up to go to the kitchen and make some fry egg and bacon. Harry is indeed a very loyal son. The quotation showing Harry's loyal character is below :

"All things considered, hurry up; I maintain that you should take care of the bacon. What's more, don't even think about allowing it to consume; I need all that ideal on Duddy's birthday."

Harry moaned.

"What did you say?" his auntie snapped through the entryway.

"Nothing, nothing... " (J.K Rowling, 1997: 11)

After Harry cooks eggs and bacon with aunty Petunia, Uncle Vernon comes and calls Harry for do comb his hair. Harry continues to comb Uncle Vernon's hair, and Harry has to shave his uncle's hair.

### **Intellectual**

Harry is born with extraordinary intelligence, and he is able to study

very hard and also very thorough with the lessons he is learning at that time. In the first time year, Harry, Ron, and Hermione also study hard from History Of Magic, Potions, Defense Magic Of Dark Magic and etc.

After taking about one week after O.W.L or known as Ordinary Wizarding Level, which all Hogwarts students have to take for the next level, and after they are on the seventh-grade students, they get a test name is N.E.W.T or Nastly Exhausting Wizard Testing.

Harry had almost forgotten that the exam results were still to come, but come

they did. To their great surprise, both he and Ron passed with good marks;

Hermione, of course, had the best grades in the first years (J.K Rowling, 1997: 220)

### **Psychological Fulfilment Harry Potter**

Psychological fulfillment is the basic need for people to survive; the criteria for fulfillment are food, water, home and etc. Criteria for Psychological fulfillment are food, water, and breathing, and Harry Potter has fulfilled the Psychological fulfillment that he has, for example, is food. Harry gets to fulfill his hungry by eating and get fulfilled the hungry from eating food.

For example, if Harry and Ron exchange their snack and eat together, Harry gets frog chocolate from Ron while Ron gets pastry from Harry from the quote below:

Harry unwrapped his Chocolate Frog and picked up the card. It showed a man's face. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 89)

From the below quotes that already know Harry ate Chocolate Frog and got the card that Ron wanted before, Harry can fulfill his hungry by eating the Chocolate Frog.

### **Safety Fulfilment of Harry Potter**

Definition Safety Harry potter himself can feel the difference when he lives with the Dursley family. It was bad and made Harry a muggle ten years ago, but when he gets a letter that he never knows who is sending it to him. But this letter was official from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

There is a story when they're going to Gringotts, which is a Bank for all Hogwarts students. Hagrid and Harry get help from Griphook Harry can't believe that his parent's wealth is so much in Harry's safety money. The quote sentence below:

Griphook opened the entry. A ton of green smoke came flooding out, and as it cleared, Harry heaved. Inside were slants of gold coins. Segments of silver. Loads of immaterial bronze Knuts. "All yours," grinned Hagrid. All Harry's — it was remarkable. The Dursleys couldn't have ever had some basic experience with this, or they'd have had it from him speedier than blazing. How consistently had they whimpered the aggregate Harry cost them to keep? (J.K Rowling, 1997: 67)

If we make the conclusion, Harry can get a lot of money because of their parent, but how does their

parent get a lot of money? It begins with James Potter and Lily, Fleamont Potter dies of Dragon pox and James Potter gets his fortune and gives it to himself and Lily. After James and Lily died because of a big war between Voldemort that make that money keep saved until Harry began his school life.

## Love and Relationship Fulfilment of Harry Potter.

Love and Relationship definition is emotion and feel happiness not only from family only but also from friend or someone trusted. Harry's relationship before being a Hogwarts student, he never had a friend since Uncle Vernon isolated him in a cupboard that he thought was Harry's student. The cupboard is used by Harry in his live with Dursley family. It's really terrible for the sentence below:

He found a pair under his bed and, after pulling a spider off one of them, put them on. Harry was used to spiders because the cupboard under the stairs was full of them, and that was where he slept. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 22)

Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia really care for their son in this event that was Dudley Dursley's birthday. We can make a conclusion that the family never care about Harry until he is ten years old. For example, when Dudley counts his present from their friend and their Mom and Dad.

For another example, again, when Harry is on train with a little kid man name Ron Wesley, Harry and Ron swipe their meal; Ron brings a lot of chocolate and the famous Frog Chocolate. Harry was telling Ron that this chocolate was not made by a frog. It's just pure chocolate shaped like a frog. The package frog it's also famous for its card collection.

"What are these?" Harry asked Ron, holding up a lot of Chocolate Frogs. "They're not really frogs, are they?" He was starting to feel that nothing would stun him. "No," said Ron. "However, see what the card is. I'm missing Agrippa." "What?" "Goodness, clearly, you wouldn't know — Chocolate Frogs have cards, inside them, you know, to accumulate — famous witches and wizards. I have around 500, but I haven't got Agrippa or Ptolemy." (J.K Rowling, 1997: 88-89).

The quotation above is also how they start the relationship between Harry and Ron. It makes Harry feel that Ron is his first friend ever since he was isolated by the Dursley family.

Another relation Harry by Hermione themselves Harry and Ron meet Hermione when they are in Platform Three and Nine Quarters and talk about to Sorting hat ceremony. The sorting hat ceremony is the moment crucial for new Hogwarts students who belong to four dorms in this school. Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin, and Ravenclaw.

I'm Hermione Granger, incidentally, who are you?" She said this outstandingly fast. Harry looked at Ron, and was feeling much improved to see by his bewildered face that he hadn't understood all the course books by heart at the same time. "I'm Ron Wesley," Ron mumbled. "Harry Potter," said Harry.



(J.K Rowling, 1997: 91)

## Self-Esteem Fulfilment Of Harry Potter's

Harry's self-esteem is one condition that makes more confident and get achievement, this statement story by Harry have lots money that his parents gift to him. Mr. and Mrs. Potter. Their money keeps saved in Gringotts bank, and they get help from Hagrid and Griphook to save for Harry when begin he begins school. Hagrid helps to pile Harry's money and explains the name money used in Hogwarts.

"The gold ones are Galleons," he explained. "Seventeen silver sickles to a Galleon and twenty-nine Knuts to a Sickle, it's easy enough. Right, that should be enough for a couple o' terms, we'll keep the rest safe for yeh." He turned to Griphook. "Vault seven hundred and thirteen now, please, and can we go more slowly?". (J.K Rowling, 1997: 68)

Hagrid brings a motorcycle to take Harry from Dursley's family, and they're going to take off to go to Harry's place. Professor Dumbledore and McGonagall go to Harry's house and have to make sure all muggles do not wake up because they have to take Harry from Dursley's family.

Dumbledore and Professor McGonagall bent forward over the store of covers. Inside, just observable, was a youngster kid, dozing sufficiently. Under a tuft of unadulterated dark hair over his sanctuary, they could see a curiously formed trim, like a bolt from the blue. "Is that where — ?" mumbled Professor McGonagall. "Without a doubt," said Dumbledore. "He'll have that scar forever and always." "Couldn't you have the option to put everything in order, Dumbledore?" (J.K Rowling, 1997: 13)

## Self Actualization Fulfilment Of Harry Potter.

After all four statement fulfill as Psychological fulfilment, safety, love and belonging and self esteem, the last high statement is Self Actualization. Self-actualization begins with Harry's self. It begins when he is one year and gets cruel love from the Dursley family. Maybe Harry really hates Dudley because he bullies him so much.

However, the Self Actualization between Harry, Ron, and Hermione has to stop Professor Severus from taking a half stone to make Voldemort come back. Harry and Hermione had a small difference, though. Suppose Harry does stop Profs Severus. Harry gets expelled from Hogwarts, but there didn't stop Profs Severus's action. Hogwarts will be changed as a School of Dark Arts.

"I'm leaving here this evening and I will attempt to get to the stone first." "You're distraught!" said Ron. "You can't!" said Hermione. "After what McGonagall and Snape have said? You'll be ousted!" "SO WHAT" Harry yelled. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 229)

The quotation above shows how angry Harry is in this time. He knows that Voldemort killed his parent, and also Profs Severus want Voldemort to come back by the stone. Harry doesn't want the fate of Hogwarts bad because of him.

While Quidditch is an activity that all students eagerly await at Hogwarts, the Gryffindor seniors teach Harry and Ron to be part of the team the sport Quidditch. Wood also feels that Harry is a secret weapon for their team. Even Professor McGonagall felt Harry's talent was exactly the same as his father's when he became a Quidditch star during that time, and Harry felt his natural talent also decreased from his father. Otherwise, the broom will be damaged and make him fall from a height with a broom that is almost split as a result. For example:

It was as Harry stayed away from another Bludger, which went turning unsafely past his head, that it ended up working. His brush gave a startling, unnerving influence. Momentarily, he expected he intended to fall. He got a handle on the brush immovably with the two his hands and knees. (J.K Rowling, 1997: 136)

## CONCLUSION

The result of this research that can be concluded is Harry Potter's character and Harry Potter's hierarchy of needs. From the character of Harry Potter, the writer finds that he is wise, ambitious, loyal, intellectual, and brave. Then from Harry Potter's Hierarchy of Needs, the writer concludes that even though Harry gets sad condition from his uncle's family. Harry still can fulfill his physiological need by living with his family. While fulfilling his safety, love, and relationship needs, Harry is very tough and keeps his kind heart, so he always gets love from his best friends in his school. In fulfilling his need for self-esteem and self-actualization, Harry is accepted to study in a prestigious school of the wizard. The fulfillment of his needs begins when Harry realizes that he gets a letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In the first place, when Harry reads, actually he still doesn't believe how he becomes a Muggle that actually he still doubts his identity as a pure-blood as a witch. In this case, Harry gets one by one the five ordered progression of essential human requirements of Abraham Maslow. Brain science needs, Safety needs, Self Esteem Needs, Love and Belonging needs, and Self Actualization needs.

Harry still can fulfill his physiological need by living with his family. While fulfilling his safety, love, and relationship needs, Harry is very tough and keeps his kind heart, so he always gets love from his best friends in his school. In fulfilling his need for self-esteem and self-actualization, Harry is accepted to study in a prestigious school of the wizard. The fulfillment of his needs begins when Harry realizes that he gets a letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In the beginning, when Harry reads, actually he still doesn't believe how he becomes a Muggle that actually he still doubts his identity as a pure-blood as a witch. In this case, Harry gets one by one the five hierarchy of basic human needs of Abraham Maslow. Psychology needs, Safety needs, Self Esteem Needs, Love and Belonging needs, and Self Actualization needs.

The last finding from the writer is when Harry Potter gets the five needs, it can be explained from when Harry at the beginning as a boy eleven years old and he doesn't know about his identity. The motivation that he believes he must get his identity leads his journey in life.

It is the motivation that will always support a human when he gets bad condition. It is a motivation that will always make humans encourage to face obstacles to reach their goals.

In the story of the novel, it is expressed in a very detailed description of the beginning story when Harry grows up and tries to understand his life until he

comes to a more dangerous event that he thinks will happen. Harry Potter's life journey begins not only in a temporary time but continues in his next life. The theory of Motivation and Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of needs are very suitable to be applied in this study and are very close to individual human life.

From the analysis of the self-actualization of Harry Potter, the writer also gets the valuable moral message that motivation must always be kept and increased in the human mind. Motivation has the main role in human life to survive in world life. It is the motivation that will always support a human when he gets bad condition. It is a motivation that will always make humans encourage to face obstacles to reach their goals.

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