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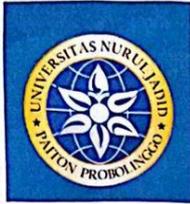
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This study aims to analyze the main themes and dam representations in Edward Abbey's *The Monkey Wrench Gang* using Kristeva's discourse analysis framework. The research employs a qualitative literary analysis design, examining the novel as the primary data source through close reading methodology. The research instruments include suprasegmental analysis through Mandler and Johnson's story grammar for thematic identification and intertextual analysis using James Paul Gee's technique integrated with McCully's ecological framework for examining dam perceptions. Data collection involves systematic textual analysis of narrative elements, character development, and environmental discourse within the novel.

The findings reveal that radical environmental resistance against unsustainable development constitutes the value, demonstrated through four activists' transformation from peaceful advocacy to sabotage in response to institutional indifference toward environmental concerns. The discussion shows dams are portrayed as fundamentally unsustainable through ecological disruptions and social impacts. This ecoliterature analysis contributes to developing literature-based language teaching methodology that integrates ecological awareness in English education. Further research should explore similar ecological literary works to strengthen the ecoliterature corpus and develop comprehensive environmentally-conscious curriculum models for sustainable education practices.

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