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#### **ABSTRACT**

The title of this research is Language Variations Used by Landon Carter in the Film "A Walk to Remember". This analysis is conducted to know the language variation used by Landon Carter in the film A Walk to Remember and factors influencing it.

This thesis has two objectives. First, it is aimed at finding out the language variations used by Landon Carter in the film *A Walk to Remember*. Then, it is to describe the factors influencing the language variations used by Landon Carter as the main character.

The study of this research is descriptive qualitative. The subject of this study is utterances used by Landon Carter as the main character in the film A Walk to Remember. The writer employs five technique of data analysis. There are reading the utterances used by Landon Carter, second, identifying the language variations, then grouping each utterances into each variety of language, after that, identifying the social context which influenced the emerge of language variation, and finally, drawing conclusion of the analysis.

The result of the data reveals that Landon Carter produces 238 turns in this film, which are 64 turns of them are formal language variation and 174 turns of them are informal language variation. Language feature of formal language variation has good and selective grammar sentence characteristics. Besides that, the grammar sentence is not contracted. Meanwhile, language feature of informal language variation has less and unselective grammar sentence characteristics. Then, the grammar sentence is contracted and also uses incomplete negotiations, multiple negotiations, incomplete sentence construction, simplified consonant cluster in words and use of curse words.

Landon Carter rarely uses formal language variation in the film A Walk to Remember. Landon Carter tends to use formal language when the interlocutors have high status. Next, he is speaking with his interlocutors in formal situation, and then he uses formal language variation depending on the function and topic of conversation. If he speaks to express about love to someone and talks about important thing, he tends to use formal language variation. Besides that, Landon tends to use informal language variation when his interlocutors have the same social status, then, his conversation happens in informal situation and then to express his feeling that he is angry to someone.

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