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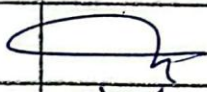



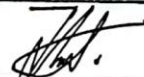


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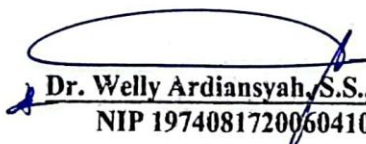
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PREFACE

First of all, the writer would like to express gratitude to God Almighty for the endless blessings that given to the writer so the writer be able to complete this final report proposal entitled " Figurative Language in the Short Story "Leaf by Niggle" by John Ronald Reuel Tolkien ". This final report proposal is prepared as one of the requirements to complete the D-III English Study Program at Politeknik Negeri Sriwijaya. This proposal consists of three main chapters: introduction, literature review, and research methodology related to the final report.

The writer realizes that this final report proposal still has many shortcomings due to the writer's limited experience, ability, and knowledge. Therefore, any helpful suggestions and constructive feedback are very much welcomed and appreciated. The writer hopes this final report proposal may bring benefit to students, readers, and anyone who has an interest in literature and language studies. May this small contribution be useful for future research and learning.

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ABSTRACT

This final report explore how figurative language makes the short story *Leaf by Niggle* by J.R.R. Tolkien more interesting and meaningful. This study looks at the different types of figurative language used in the story and figures out which one shows up the most. The writer used a descriptive qualitative method, reading the story carefully and noting examples like symbols, metaphors, and irony. After analyzing the 20-page story, I found 95 instances of figurative language, split into ten types: Symbol, Metaphor, Irony, Personification, Synecdoche, Metonymy, Hyperbole, Simile, Allusion, and Paradox. Both Symbol and Metaphor were the most common, with 27 examples each, while Paradox and Allusion were the least used, with only 2. The findings show how Tolkien uses these language tools to bring out deep themes like creativity and redemption, helping readers feel closer to Niggle's journey.

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