

Abstract

This undergraduate thesis examines the main character of James Thurber's *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. The objective of this research is to investigate whether the main character of the story is an individual with narcissistic personality disorder. The theory employed in this research is the theory of narcissistic personality disorder proposed by the American Psychiatric Association in *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition (DSM-5)*. The result of the investigation shows that Walter Mitty is an individual with narcissistic personality disorder since he shows nine diagnostic criteria suggested by the American Psychiatric Association in *DSM-5*, such as having a grandiose sense of self-importance; is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, and brilliance; believing that he is "special" and unique and should associate with other special or high status people or institutions; requiring excessive admiration; having a sense of entitlement; is interpersonally exploitative; lacking empathy; is often envious of others; showing arrogant behaviors.

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