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#### True

#### by Ryan Cabrera

I won't talk

I won't breathe
I won't move till you finally see
That you belong with me

You might think I don't look
But deep inside the corner of my mind
I'm attatched to you
mmmm

I'm weak, it's true

Cause I'm afraid to know the answer

Do you want me too?

Cause my heart keeps falling faster

#### [chorus]

I've waited all my life to cross this line
To the only thing that's true
So I will not hide
It's time to try anything to be with you
All my life I've waited
This is true

You don't know what you do

Everytime you walk into the room
I'm afraid to move

I'm weak, it's true

I'm just scared to know the ending Do you see me too? Do you even know you met me?

#### [Chorus]

I've waited all my life to cross this line
To the only thing thats true
So I will not hide
It's time to try anything to be with you
All my life I've waited
This is true

I know when I go
I'll be on my way to you
The way that's true

#### [chorus]

I've waited all my life to cross this line
To the only thing thats true
So I will not hide
It's time to try anything to be with you
All my life I've waited
This is true

### ALL WE HAVE TO DECIDE IS WHAT TO DO WITH THE TIME THAT IS GIVEN US

Gandalf The Grey, Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring

PESSIMISM NEVER WON ANY BATTLE

Dwight. D Eisonhower; 1953-1961

A PESSIMIST IS ONE WHO MAKES DIFFICULTIES OF HIS
OPPORTUNITIES AND AN OPTIMIST IS ONE WHO MAKES
OPPORTUNITIES OF HIS DIFFICULTIES

Harry Truman; 1945-1953

I WALK SLOWLY, BUT I NEVER WALK BACKWARD

Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865

DO WHAT YOU CAN, WHAT YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU ARE

Theodore Roosevelt; 1901-1909

SOYEZ AMOUREUSE ET SOYEZ HEUREUSE

**Paul Gauguin** 

FORGIVING IS STRONG PEOPLE'S CHARACTERISTIC

**Mohamas Gandhi** 

THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS THE FEAR IT SELF

Franklin de Roosevelt; 1933-1945

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#### **ABSTRACT**

J.R.R Tolkien's *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring* tells about a young hobbit named Frodo Baggins who lives in a small village Hobbiton, Shire in which he and the Fellowship of the Ring must destroy the ring power in Mount Doom, Mordor. This novel considers how personal's experiences of the author reflect and influence their literary work, especially in World War I and II.

The objectives of this study are to help the reader to get more understanding about *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring* by using biographical approach and to explain how the personal's experiences of the author in World War I and II influence and reflect the characters in *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring*.

In conducting this study, the writer used biographical approach to find similarities between J.R.R Tolkien's experiences in World War and characters in *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring.* Biographical approach is an approach used the past experiences, knowledge and biography of the author and its relation with their literary work. This approach uses information about author's background and life to analyze their work.

From the analysis of this novel, the writer concludes that the author's personal experience especially in World War I and II influenced him in creating his literary work. For instance the death of two J.R.R Tolkien's closest friend in World War I inspires him to create a friendship between four hobbits in *The Lord of The Rings*.

#### **ABSTRAK**

J.R.R Tolkien's *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring* menceritakan tentang seorang hobbit muda bernama Frodo Baggins. Dia tinggal di desa kecil Hobbiton, shire. Dia mendapatkan sebuah cincin kekuatan dari pamanya yang bernama Bilbo Baggins. Dia dan rombongan persaudaraan pembawa cincin harus menghancurkan cincin kekuatan di gunung ajal, Mordor. Novel ini menuturkan bagaimana pengalaman pengalaman pribadi pengarang mencerminkan dan mempengaruhi karya sastranya khususnya di perang dunia I dan II.

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk membantu pembaca untuk mendapat pemahaman lebih tentang *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring* dengan menggunakan pendekatan biografi dan untuk menjelaskan bagaimana pengalaman pribadi pengarang di perang dunia mempengaruhi dan mencerminkan karakter-karakter di *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring*.

Dalam melakukan penelitian ini, penulis menggunakan pendekatan biografi untuk menemukan persamaan-persamaan antara pengalaman-pengalaman di perang dunia dan karakter- karakter di *The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring.* Pendekatan biografi adalah sebuah pendekatan menggunakan pengalaman masa lalu, pengetahuan dan biografi pengarang dan hubunganya dengan karya sastra mereka. Pendekatan ini menggunakan informasi tentang latar belakang dan hidup pengarang untuk menganalisis karya mereka.

Dari analisa novel ini, penulis menyimpulkan bahwa pengalaman pribadi pengarang khususnya di perang dunia I dan II mempengaruhi dia dalam menciptakan karya sastranya. Seperti contoh kematian dua sahabat dekatnya di perang dunia pertama menginspirasi dia untuk menciptakan sebuah persahabatan di *The Lord of The Rings*.