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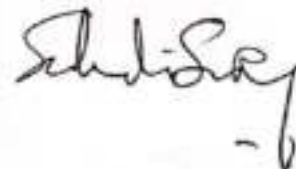
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ABSTRACT

Top Gun: Maverick tells a group of best pilots who have to destroy the nuclear plant located below the icy surface. The aims of this research are to find out the intrinsic aspects in the terms of American Dream, its characteristics, and how Maverick achieves it in *Top Gun: Maverick*. The writer uses James Truslow Adams theory of American Dream to explain the American Dream portrayed in the character of Maverick in *Top Gun: Maverick*. To explain the data, the researcher uses primary data from the dialogue of *Top Gun: Maverick* movie itself, secondary data from books, journal, and articles which are related to the topic. The methods of collection are library research and closed watching. The methods of approach are descriptive-qualitative which is combined with socio-psychology approach. The results of the data analysis explain the intrinsic aspects in the terms of American Dream, its characteristics, and the way Maverick achieves it in *Top Gun: Maverick*. The intrinsic aspects in the terms of American dream are the Maverick's characterization, the conflicts of the main character, settings, and also the themes of the movie. The American dream characteristics portrayed in *Top Gun: Maverick* are hard-working and individualism. The way Maverick uses to achieve it are by working hard and individualism. The conclusion is Maverick becomes a better person and fulfill his dreams.

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