DECOLONIZING THE MINDS OF THE COLONIZED: A COLONIAL PERSPECTIVE IN NGUGI WA THIONG’O’NOVELS

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ABSTRACT
The paper “DECOLONIZING THE MINDS OF THE COLONIZED: A COLONIAL PERSPECTIVE IN NGUGI WA THIONG’O’S NOVELS” deals with the life of the Africans where the pride of the people turns adverse and the hardships they face during their attempt to retain the lost. A detailed discussion is made on the defects of colonialism and the steps taken in the process of decolonization. It also presents an overall view of Ngugi wa Thiong’o’s novels. The attention is drawn towards the fertility of the African land that enlightens the country and customs followed. It also delineates the grief of the drought-stricken land and obtrusion in customs. The oppression of the Blacks by the White people at various circumstances and the role of education which was believed to be the tool to oppose the oppressors are highlighted. In general the paper states the author’s expectation of the new world where the people could regain themselves.

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