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## **Abstract**

The main objective of this thesis is to explore why people are oriented towards lust and how it leads people to destruction. John Webster's play *The White Devil* is the primary source to obtain data to meet this objective. In the play, for instance, the major characters in the play are so lustful that they are involved in extramarital affairs inviting horrible destruction as the consequences. The study, Thus, has explored the causes that encourage people to commit adultery and explained the consequences of lustful activities. To substantiate this issue, the play has been analyzed from the perspective of psychoanalysis.

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