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People say life is like riding a bicycle. We have to keep moving to keep our balance and not fall, so we can get to where we want to go.

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## ABSTRACT

Struggle is an action anyone can take to defend something of value. The struggle of a mother who faces a dark past, full of sadness, and disappointment is shown in the drama text of Oscar Wilde *A Woman of No Importance*. This study uses psychological approach and qualitative descriptive method. This study is focused on the motive of Mrs. Arbuthnot's struggle and how she struggles in Oscar Wilde's *A Woman of No Importance*. Based on this research, Mrs. Arbuthnot's struggles to keep her son (Gerald) from Gerald's father who keeps coming and demanding that Gerald lives and works with him. It is also found that Mrs. Arbuthnot has to struggle really hard to keep Gerald living with her because Gerald's father, Lord Illingworth, does not easily give up and is really persistent. He makes a lot of efforts, for example: persuading Gerald with a great job offer; and when it does not work; offering to marry Mrs. Arbuthnot. In all these, she also has to convince her beloved son who starts to get tempted by his father's offer and begins to blame Mrs. Arbuthnot for everything.

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