TITLES COMPARISON

In this text I will consider the title of the novel “Exit West” and the title of the Guardian’s article written by Andrew Motion. I will then compare their title and underline the difference and I conclude the text with a reflection on the two text.

The title of the novel is composed of two keywords: Exit and West, with this two words Mohsin Hamid wants to create an expectation. The reader understands that the word Exit is connected to escape from something, in this case the war, and in the West characters can find a solution, perhaps a better life. With two simple words the novelist creates curiosity, expectations and sums up all the novel. Only after reading the book the reader can understand that his expectations are wrong. Instead, the title of the article is very long and also has a subtitle that summarizes the content.

Already from this, the reader can understand that this is an argumentative text about revising the novel with the addition of comments and opinions of the author of the article.

In the title of the article the keywords are magic and violence, with this two words the author create another violence type of expectations, and another key words are migrants’ tale and parable, so the intelligent reader can understand that the novel are invented but contains a lesson and he understands that the novel develop on the lives of two migrants.

In addition on the subtitle the reader can understand that the homeplace , where the couple(the immigrants) lived was in conflict, there was a war and for this reason they wanted to escape.

In short the novel’s title and the article’s title are different because they have different purposes, the novel’s title create curiosity and invite the reader to continue his reading, while the title of the article wants to summarize the content of the article, so that any type of reader can understand whether the item may interest him.