

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 The Background of the Study

Nowadays, especially in milenial era with the sophistication of technology all of people can do their work in short time. For example, new machine can help people to do their work faster and easily. However, it also has an impact, such as machine changes the position of worker who needs a job to survive. It means that dominance of machine in company can increase unemployment rate in the world.

This condition looks like capitalism in the past in which there was social gap between poor people and rich people. Capitalism is derived from the word capital that means fund. While, -ism means concept or theory. In simple word, capitalism is a concept that is related to capital or money.

According to Scott in *The Political Economy of Capitalism*:

Capitalism is an indirect system of governing and economy wherein various economic actors are allowed to compete to serve the needs of consumers according to a set of laws and rules, and where the ensuing competition serves to induce the mobilization of human energy and talent as well as other resources for benefit of society as well as the economic actors themselves (2006:4)

So, capitalism is an economic system where marketing industry sector and production tools have been controlled by private sector and its purpose is to get big benefit from the business.

Marx in Laurin Twigg "*Capitalism and Morality*" believed that there existed internal contradictions in the capitalist system, as follows :

1. Competition, the lifeblood of capitalism implies winners and losers. Overtime, competition causes the rise of monopoly capitalism, which seek to control the market in terms of cost and quality. 2. The lack of centralized planning under capitalism results in the overproduction of some goods and the underproduction of others causing economic crises such as inflation and depression. 3. The control of the state by the wealthy eventually tend to overreach, the effect of which is the passage of laws favoring their interests and incurring the wrath of growing number of workers. 4. Creates social problems because of the great gap between the rich and the poor. (2008:5)

In Victorian period (1837-1901), the emergence of capitalism marked by revolution from public trade to industry sector or many people called it as industrial revolution. Dillard (1987:22) states that industrial revolution can be defined as a period of transition from the dominance of trade capital over industrial capital to the dominance of industrial capital over trade capital. The impact of industrial revolution is there many people made a new innovation which resulted a new invention in the industrial field. Technological developments that happened caused changes of social aspects, such as cultural, economic, political, and also literature in England society. For Marx in Hausman "*The Philosophy of Economics*" states:

The production portion of Capitalism signaled great trouble. He believed production in Capitalist society worked in a way that the rich factory owner benefited and the poor factory workers lost. In simple word, the Capitalist system was inherently benefit the rich who called as the bourgeois and exploit the poor who called as proletariat (1994:123)

That phenomenon had attracted some writers at that time, such as Charles Dickens. He depicted the condition in society that faced big changes, and written into literary works.

Charles Dickens is one of famous authors in Victorian period in which his literary works illustrate the condition of society at that time, especially the capitalism. Almost all of his literary works use simple black English language that there are grammatical errors or syntax. It happens because his background is a person who does not finish his study and live in the village or in the simple words, he is a person who was uneducated well. Alice in *Charles Dickens and the Portrait of Victorian England* states that:

The education was enabled only to Charles' older sister Frances who got a places in the Royal Music Academy where she studied singing. The school fee naturally meant another expenses, therefore there was not enough money for Charles' education. That implies Dickens does not attended school in London, the main content of his time is to run errands for his parents (2016:40)

Therefore, he makes his literary works look natural that represent social gap between the rich and the poor in industrial revolution. One of his famous his literary works is *Oliver Twist* (1837). It tells about an orphan boy who lived in Victorian period. His life is full of lack and it makes him a slave for upper class. In the story, Mr.Bumble represents the upper class. He is a pompous beadle of the poorhouse where the orphaned Oliver is raised. He considers himself honorable men law-abiding, but in morality he neglects and despises the poor who should be cared by him. It was an ironic condition at that time, because Oliver became a slave who was not paid by the upper class and upper class got huge benefit without paying for the service. Finally, the capitalist becoming a group that exploit poor people to get individual benefit and enrich themselves.

Hence, the writer is interested in the social issues, especially capitalism in *Oliver Twist*. Mr.Bumble represents the capitalist who has big power to manage and use his power as a dictator. The capitalist dominance gives an impact toward main character Oliver Twist. Therefore, the writer chooses the topic entitled *The Capitalist Dominance Found in Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist"*.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problem**

The discussion includes several problems of the study. There are two problems which are discussed in this research, they are as follows:

1. How is the capitalist dominance described through the character Mr.Bumble in Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*?
2. What is the impact of Mr.Bumble's capitalism toward main character Oliver in Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*?

## **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

It is important to limit the discussion in order to get detailed understanding. Moreover, this limitation is used to avoid the complicated discussion. The writer concerns with the topic which limits only about capitalism toward character Oliver and Mr.Bumble in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*. The writer can explain about the capitalism and the dominance of capitalism in Victorian period, especially in Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist*.

#### **1.4 Objectives of the Study**

There are two objectives of the study in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*, as follows:

1. To find out the capitalist dominance described through the character of Mr.Bumble in Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*
2. To find out the impact of Mr.Bumble's capitalism toward main character Oliver in Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*

#### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

The writer has big hope with this research that the readers can understand well about capitalism. Moreover, the readers get knowledge about the impact of the capitalism. For the writerself, this research will become as reminder that capitalism is an important thing to be known as social issue in the society. Finally, It is hoped that the readers and other researchers can be used as one of the references and analyze these novels from other point of view.