

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

In human daily life, every people like to learn things and need some entertainments in order to make them happy. One of the entertainments is literature. Literature gives a pleasure. Literature exists and develops along with human beings who support it. Jones in *An Outline of Literature* affirms literature is simple another way that we can experience the world around us through our imagination, feeling, and thought (1968:1). It means literature as an expression of people experience. Literature is an expression of thought and feeling of the author.

By reading literature, it is hoped people get comfort and make them understand with the content of literature itself. Besides, Hudson in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature*,

Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in life, what they thought and felt about those aspects of it, which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language (1965:10).

People record their experiences in the form of literature. Furthermore, literature plays a great part in people life.

Literature is divided into three parts: prose (short story and novel), poetry and drama. Jones in *An Outline of Literature* states literature consists of poetry, novel, and drama or play and it depends on both the reader and writer's knowledge and experience (1968:1). The researcher wants to analyze one of them,

that is novel. Novel is long essays that full of fiction include the characters and the problems inside. Wellex and Warren in *Theory of Literature* assert the novel is the picture of real life and manner, and of the time in which it is written (1949:205). Novel is the portrait of human being life. It can be seen as the author's style of writing. The researcher is interested in one of Mark Twain's work, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens better known as Mark Twain is the famous American author and humorist. He lived in Florida, Missouri. He wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and its sequel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, the latter often called the great American novel. The researcher will analyze further the novel of Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. This novel was published in England, 1998.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is prototype of Mark Twain's character, Tom Sawyer. He is a mischievous child who likes adventures and tries something new. He lives with his aunt, half-brother Sid, and cousin Mary in St. Petersburg. Tom is schoolboy protagonist reputation precedes him for causing mischief and strife. Tom would rather play hooky than attend school. He often sneaks out his bedroom window at night adventure with his friend, Huck. As punishment for skipping school to go swimming, Aunt Polly assigns Tom to chore of whitewashing the fence surrounding the house.

Further, the naughtiness of Tom Sawyer is interesting to be analyzed. The novel concentrates basically on the social maturations and the effects toward Tom

Sawyer. Therefore, the researcher analyzes social maturation in Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* as the topic of this research.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The problems of the research that are analyzed are as follows:

1. What are the social maturations of Tom Sawyer in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
2. What are the effects of social maturation toward Tom Sawyer?

1.3 Objective of the Study

The purpose of this research is to find out the answer of the problems.

Those purposes are as follows:

1. To find out the social maturations of Tom Sawyer in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
2. To find out the effects of social maturation toward Tom Sawyer.

1.4 Scope of the Study

In doing this research, the researcher focuses on the novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. This novel talks about Tom and his adventures with Huck. Tom is an imaginative young boy who always seems to be getting in trouble. Tom never passed up a chance to play pirates, robbers, or soldiers. The novel also talks about how Tom takes initiative to help others instead of himself; he shows his increasing maturity, competence, and moral integrity. The researcher explains the

social maturation of Tom Sawyer in detail. The explanation focuses on the social maturations and the effects toward Tom Sawyer in the novel of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

1.5 Significance of the Study

Hopefully, the researcher and the reader get some values from this research. This research is interesting to study because the topic shows the character's childhood and how the process of his social maturation during the mid 19th century in America. The discussion of social maturation should get the attention. Theoretically, the result of this research can stimulate other researchers to do further research in the same topic. The researcher helps the reader to get information how a mischievous child gets his maturation in surrounding society and persuades the reader that literary work is interesting to study.