

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

All people have many experiences in their lives. They can express their experiences in many ways. One of them is literature; it is human's expression through language. Hudson (1965: 10) says as follows:

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

In widest sense, literature is anything in written form to expert though, feeling, and attitude toward life. Jones (1968: 1) says in the following:

Literature is simply another way we can experience. The world around us through or imaginations, feeling, and thought. Literature, in its broadest sense, includes all written materials. It means that literature fall into history book, philosophical work, short stories, novels, poems, and plays.

Generally, literature is known in three literary works, namely poetry, prose, and drama.

In this thesis, novel is the object of the study. Novel is a kind of prose that has special characteristics. Kenney (1988: 129) says as follows:

The novel is decidedly not mean to be read at a single sitting. Because of its length and because in away we "live with" a novel for awhile, the novel is admirably suited, as the short story is not, to deal with such subjects as the effect of the passage of time or character and relationships among characters.

Novel is more expansive than short story in subjects. Generally, novel contains at least forty-five thousand words.

The novel entitled *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain is chosen as the object of the study. The story tells about the American man in the nineteenth century having unordinary journey to Arthur's court in the sixth century. The conflicts are beginning when he feels the different way of life between the nineteenth century's life and the sixth century's life. However, the differences in way of life encourage the main character to survive and to change the conditions.

"*The Yankee's Visions in Modernizing Arthur's Courts*" is believed to be interesting topic to be analyzed. Firstly, the story of the novel is unique. Secondly, the novel *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Courts* is written by Mark Twain. As we know that, Mark Twain is one of American famous novelist. He writes extravagant novel such as *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn* and *the Adventure of Tom Sawyer*. Thirdly, none of the students in the Faculty of English Letter at Widya Mandala University analyze this topic.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

The problems of the study are to answer the following questions:

1. What are Yankee's perceptions about the conditions in Arthur's Court?
2. What are Yankee's visions in modernizing the conditions in Arthur's Court?
3. How are the effects of the implementation of the visions?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

Based on statement of the problems, the objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To find Yankee's perception about the conditions in Arthur's Court.
2. To elaborate Yankee's visions in modernizing the conditions.
3. To analyze the effects of Yankee's visions.

1.4 Problem Limitation

The analysis is limited on Yankee, the main character of the novel entitled *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain. The main character is analyzed related to his perceptions, his visions, and the effects of his visions.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

The study can be significant reference for the researchers to analyze the other topics on the same novel. Hopefully, this analysis becomes the inspirations for the other students to make further studies.