

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is interesting art in our life. It is the creation of human being. Literature which describes the picture of life especially human beings always has story, structure and aesthetic purpose. Trough literature, the author wants to express life and describes all aspects of human life. The readers will get impression and pleasure of it. Griffith, Jr. (1990:3) in *Writing Essay about Literature* says as follows:

Literature is a subject matter that creates certain expectations in your audience. Because literature is a complex product of the imagination, readers of essays about literature expect you to interpret it to explain, to clarify, to analyze, and to give the meaning of it.

Literature gives us not only pleasure, but also information. Furthermore, literature can be used as the picture of social life. The readers will get some lesson of moral values or others within literature. As a form of art, literature uses language as its medium. Hudson (1965:10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* says as follows:

Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in life what they have though and felt about those aspects of it which have the most6 immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language.

Trough the statement, we can see that literature can not be separated from society. It goes without saying; literature is closely related to social life. It means that, we can express our desire for self expression, our interest in people and their doing the literary works influence readers in getting the truth of the word, the knowledge, deep understanding of main life and world which are influenced by the environment.

There are three genres in literary works: prose (short story and novel), drama or play and poetry. Prose, in this case novel is a medium used by people to entertain and to share ideas or experiences in life. Carne (1972:510) explains as follows:

The word novel is derived ultimately from the Latin adjective "Novellus" diminutive of "Novus" meaning "new", Hence, when applied to fiction it means a new tale or story. It was adopted in the 16th century by the English language from "Novella", an Italian word used to describe a short tale portraying the incidents and often amorous intrigues of everyday living.

Novel is necessary to entertain ourselves because it presents everyday life. Story in a novel may love, tragic etcetera that entertain the readers. Kennedy (1979:231) *An Introduction to Fiction* states, "Novel is a book-length story in prose, who's the author, tries to create the sense that while we read, we experienced actual life". In a novel, the author expresses his or her imagination to give sense of the actual for the reader. When readers read the novel they get knowledge and experiences because novel is a picture of real life.

After riding the novel entitled *A Farewell to arms* by Ernest Hemingway, the writer is interest in analyzing the immaturity and the maturity of the main's character in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*.

1.2 The Statements of the Problem

Dealing with the preceding discussion, the writer presents some statements to be analyzed into these following questions:

1. What is the main character's immaturity in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*?
2. What is the main character's maturity in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*?

1.3 The Objectives of the Study

The objectives of study are to find the answer for the proposed problems through the analysis. Thus, the study is intended to:

1. To describe the main character's immaturity in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*.
2. To describe the main character's maturity in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*.

1.4 The Limitation of the Study

The scope of the research is limited on the immaturity and maturity of the main character, namely Frederic Henry, of the novel *A Farewell to Arms* written by Ernest Hemingway.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

The research is significant for some reasons. Firstly, the reader will have understanding on this research about immaturity and maturity in the novel *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway. Secondly, the researchers will take advantage on this research for further research on the similar topic.