

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Background of the Study

Literature is part of life and can be judged only in its relevant to life. Life is not static but moving and changing. Literature is closely related to human life, because literature is produced by human being as a medium to express human's sense in attractive form. It composed into interesting work and pleasure enough to be enjoyed. It also reflects human's experiences toward life or as a written expression of human thoughts, feelings and attitudes toward life. Edward H. Jones (1968:1) in *Outlines of Literature* says that: Literature is simply another way in which we can express and communicate thought, feeling and attitude toward life through a written language. According to William Henry Hudson (1965:10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* says that: Literature is the vital record of what men have seen in life, what they have experience of it, what they thought and felt about those aspect of it which have the most immediate and ending for all of us. It thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language. It means that literature is the experience of life. The picture of the people's imagination, thought and feeling also can call it.

Literary work can be classified into three groups, namely, novel, poetry and drama. Novel as one of literary works is interesting to be analyzed, because it is very popular. By reading a novel, the reader will get enjoyment and the implied purpose in the novel. When the readers reads the novel, the can express the basic emotion like pity, fear, anger, joy, hope and sorrow. On the other hand, novel also gives the reader deeper understanding of life. X.J Kennedy (1971:321) in his book

*Introduction to Fiction, Poetry and Drama* states: "Novel is a book-length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that, while we read, we experience actual life." It means that in a novel the author expressed his or her imagination to give a sense of the actual of reader. So when the readers read the novel they get knowledge and experience because novel is a picture of real life. Arnold Kettle gives the definition of the novel in his book *An Introduction to the English Novel* as follows:

A novel is a living thing, alone and continue, like any other organism, and in proportion as it lives will it be found, I think, that in each of the parts there is something of the other parts (1961:12)

Some writers use their work to share their experience and their understanding about life in his or her novel. David Herbert Lawrence is one of the writers who used the stories to share his experiences. Through in his novels he explained human's relationship like friendship, marriage and their problem. Using his novels, D.H. Lawrence wants to response his experiences and to share his experiences, his ideas, and understanding about life.

One of D.H. Lawrence novels is *The Virgin Of the Gipsy*. The writer has two specific reasons why the writer chooses *The Virgin and the Gipsy* to be analyzed. First, D.H. Lawrence is considered as one of the famous writers of the twentieth century. *The Virgin and the Gipsy* is the story that has similar issues, unhappy marriage and scandal, which are experienced by a respectable family. In the novel, there is scandal between a wife of a rector and young penniless man. The second reason is the novel discusses how social classes affect people of each level to build relationships. Some people still behave and treat other people based on their heritage and their position in the society. This kind of problem still exists

up to now, even in neighborhood. In *The Virgin and the Gipsy*, the writer fined how social classes play an important role in people freely. They only socialize with people who belong to the same higher class because they have to keep the pride for being a member of a certain social class. This attitude becomes a kind of tradition, which causes a problem for those who want to express themselves in a wider environment, to make them free.

### **1.2 The Statement of the Problem**

In order to have a through analysis, this thesis is focused on three problems stated below:

1. How are the character of Cynthia, of the rector, of Aunt Cissie, of Yvette and the Gipsy Joe Boswell depicted in D.H. Lawrence's novel *The Virgin and the Gipsy*?
2. How the social condition of the British society in the early twentieth century represented by the characters of Cynthia, of the rector, of Aunt Cissie, of Yvette and The Gipsy Joe Boswell?
3. What is the social criticism implied in the characters?

### **1.3 The Limitation of the Problem**

After reading *The Virgin and the Gipsy*, the writer would like to limit this study in three matters. The first focus is on the characters to figure out the significance of each character in revealing the novel on the British society in the early twentieth century. The second focus is the social condition of the society depicted in the novel. In order to understand the social condition of the society

depicted in the novel, the analysis discusses about the social classes of the characters and their life style. The third focus is on the social criticism implied in the novel.

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

This study is aimed to answer the questions presented in the statements of the problem.

1. To analyze the character of Cynthia, of the rector, of Aunt Cissie, of Yvette and the gipsy Joe Boswell.
2. To describe the social condition of the British society in the early twentieth century represented by the character of Cynthia, of The rector, of Aunt Cissie, of Yvette and the gipsy Joe Boswell.
3. To understand the social criticism implied in the characters.

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

This study means to help the readers understand the story better. Studying the characters can guide the readers to see the center of the story, *The Virgin and the Gipsy*. This research also can assist those who want to study D.H. Lawrence and his work in greater detail, especially his novel, *The Virgin and the Gipsy*.

Finally, this study can lead the readers into a deeper understanding on the author's view towards a certain issue that find in life. The literature does not only give pleasure but also gives the knowledge about other society, which exists with its own culture, problems, thoughts, and personalities. The readers can learn

how people act, speak, think, and behave form a literary works so that the readers can improve themselves