

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Literature is all written materials which are expressed into writings by the author. Literature in its broader sense includes all written materials such as plays, poetry, short stories, and novel as well. Furthermore, literature contains much information, especially information about science, history, and sociology. Besides, it also gives much pleasure for people. Both of them are the reason why people read literature.

Enjoyment is also our end in reading literary works. People want to enjoy what they read. On the other hand, the meaning of literature can only come through the study of literature itself. We can only get some of the meaning of experience or get enjoyment by living through it. It is confirmed by Hudson (1965: 10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* that "Literature is a vital record of what men have 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". Based on the statement above, we can experience and see what happened in the past by studying literary works.

Moral value is very significant in human life since it can support human sense to do something good. In literature, moral value can be analyzed. It can also be found in the study of *Animal Farm*. It is a novel written by George Orwell which

uses the device of the animal fable or fairy story. *Animal Farm* appeared on the bookstalls on August 1945, the same month in which the atomic bomb hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The obvious subject of the *Animal Farm* is Soviet communism, but more generally it has to do with totalitarianism.

Animal Farm is one of George Orwell's works. It talks about Napoleon, the main character in the novel. Who gets power over the members of the animal farm by cheating his rival there named Snowball. In the leadership of the pig Napoleon, a rebellion against him is done by Frederick, a farmer. However, he is beaten at last. The Animal Farm goes on. They increase school building for pigs and under Napoleon's instruction directly. Boxer, the hardest worker who was has helped Napoleon gets sick and is send to horse slaughterer. Then, the situation has changed a great deal. The farm is more prosperous and well organized. However, the animals that worked hard but, are still living very frugally. At last the animals find out that the pigs are traitors toward all animals in the farm. Based on the reason above, the writer takes "The Analysis of Napoleon's Totalitarianism As a Moral Teaching: A Study of the Main Character in George Orwell's *Animal Farm*" as the title of this thesis.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

The background of the novel *Animal Farm* is Uni Soviet communism. George Orwell changes it into the form of animal fable. This novel is very interesting to be studied. Through the novel we can see how totalitarianism is practiced, and how a leader governs absolutely upon the members of the society.

However, in studying the main character's totalitarianism, the writer finds some problems. They are as follows :

1. How does Napoleon get and maintain his power and authority ?
2. What are the characteristics of Napoleon's totalitarianism ?
3. What moral teaching can be obtained from the novel ?

1.3. Limitations of the Study

George Orwell is a well-known novelist. Most of his works are interesting. The writer chooses and analyzes one of his novels entitled *Animal Farm* which was published on August 1945.

Actually, there are six main characters in the story, namely, Old Major, Snowball, Napoleon, Squealer, Benjamin, and Moses. However, the writer only focuses on the one main character among the others, namely, Napoleon. Further, there are many aspects that can be analyzed from Napoleon. In this case, the writer does not analyze all aspects of his characteristics. The writer limits his study on one aspect only, that is, his totalitarianism. To be more specific, the scope of the study will be : the ways of Napoleon to get and maintain his power and authority, the characteristics of Napoleon's totalitarianism, and the moral teaching of the novel.

1.4. Objectives of the Study

Knowing the objectives of the study makes the readers easy to understand the intention of the writer. The first aim is to know the characteristics of Napoleon's totalitarianism in the story. The second is to find how Napoleon gets and maintains his power and authority. The last is to find what moral teaching can be got from the novel *Animal Farm*.

1.5. Significance of the Study

This study is a significant reference for other researchers doing further research on the same subject about totalitarianism. Besides, the readers may take the advantage of the result of this study to get many experiences about human behavior and life, to know how someone gets and maintains a power, and to realize the problems around them.