

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Problem

Prose fiction inclines to use narration and description as the modes of the story presentation. A prose fiction writer tells his stories by arranging events in their time sequence applying the tool of narration. This technique of narration is used in order to make the story clear and bring it a live to the reader's imagination (Robert, 1989: 80). Thus, the description in a prose brings scenes and feelings to the imagination of the reader (Robert, 1989: 80).

According to Roberts, a writer of fiction intends to say that something about human life is valuable when it is expressed through the communication of experiences in a work (1989: 52). Herewith, most of fiction writer extends his ideas and attention towards problems in life. For that reason, the thesis writer is interested to analyze one of the modern fiction writer's works, *Sons and Lovers* written by D. H Lawrence. The writer chooses D. H Lawrence because he is a great novelist, who respects novel highly. As Ferrara states, since Britain's greatest writers in the twentieth century have been novelists, the modern prose has become Britain's achievement. One of its great novelists is David Herbert Lawrence (1970 : 455). Moreover, he respects novels highly as he insists that the novel is "The one bright book of life". He believes that novel could and should perform the importance of life (Walker, 1983 : 1583)

Another reason which rouse the thesis writer's impression on D. H. Lawrence is that Lawrence is one of the makers of the modern English fiction and a great novelist. He also the one who offers intense psychological insight or knowledge and he wants to more explain about curiosity to observe man's natures in relation with social and all of think in his surrounding itself in his works. Therefore, it is important for the readers to understand the psychological insight related with the socialization.

Among the British writers, it is declared that besides being a great novelists, D. H. Lawrence also becomes a proficient poet and playwright as well as one of the most successful literary correspondents of modern time and a unique atmospheric travel writer (Niven, 1978 : 87). Therefore, his great ability in imagination and expressing his genius ideas in his works such as books of poetry, short stories, novellas, dramas and a wide variety of non-fictions, including some travel books. And he also has talents in making book review, translation and philosophical discourse to understand the explore of human behavior itself in order to become a measure to motivate it.

The thesis writer admires D. H. Lawrence very much because his other feature as a great novelist is also shown in his works with which they confront experience (Peck, 1984 : 154). These qualities that has been mentioned above make the writer interested to analyze one of his works. Moreover, his works are interesting, just as stated in book entitled *D. H. Lawrence : the novels*, Lawrence used his own experience in his writting, but never just remembered or reported it (Niven, 1978 : 4). It may be due to his effort as a great realist, to reproduce

something of the complexity of life itself, which is expressed in his novel entitled *Sons and Lovers* (Peck, 1984 : 116). Hence, the thesis writer is encouraged to analyze *Sons and Lovers* because it is an interesting story of Lawrence's own experience about his sexual and emotional struggle caught for survive from life in the industrial modern. He transforms his autobiography in to art through this novel, but the thesis writer does not discuss the novel as a D. H Lawrence's autobiographical literary work.

The thesis writer chooses to analyze the portrait of industrial victim presented through Walter Morel's character. Most people only take the attention to Paul's and Gertrude's character, but they pay less attention to Walter Morel as a father and as an industrial victim. That is why, through this analysis, the thesis writer wants to find out the causes of Walter Morel becoming a victim of industrialization and his relation with family, due to Walter Morel's bad characteristic such as drunken, thriftless, brutal, unrefined, uneducated and irresponsible toward his family. Not only does Walter Morel experience the stress in his works but faces the rift with his wife and disharmonious in his family as well.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

After reading the novel, there are three problems deal with the topic, as follows :

1. How is Walter Morel's character depicted in D.H Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers* ?

2. Why does Walter Morel become industrial victim ?
3. How does Walter Morel, as the industrial victim affect the life of the family ?

### **1.3 The Purposes of the Problem**

The purposes of the problem are as follows :

1. To describe the depiction of Walter Morel's character.
2. To illuminate the cause of Walter Morel becoming industrial victim.
3. To discover the effects of Walter Morel's behavior to his family.

### **1.4 The Scope of the Problem**

In this novel, there are many characters. They are the main and the minor characters. As it has already been stated, the thesis writer is interested in discussing Walter Morel's character. He is the portrait of industrial victim and a person that experiences the problem in his family's life. Therefore, the thesis writer limits his analysis only one character, Walter Morel.

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

By writing this thesis, the thesis writer really hopes that he can give information and knowledge to the readers who are attracted to D. H Lawrence as an author of *Sons and Lovers*. By reading this thesis, the readers can be more interested in D. H Lawrence's literary works and want to analyze his works as their thesis material.

The thesis writer also hopes the readers will get more appreciation on *Sons and Lovers*. Also, hopefully they will be more interested in reading and analyzing *Sons and Lovers* from other perspectives, topics, or approaches.

Moreover, the thesis writer really hopes the readers will be able to understand why Walter Morel becomes an industrial victim and has disharmonious relation with his family. The thesis writer also hopes this thesis will present more knowledge of the character, sociology, setting and social conflict theories.

Therefore, this analysis is addressed to the readers who are interested in literary works, especially the students of English Department who analyze D. H. Lawrence's works mainly in his novel entitled *Sons and Lovers*. Besides, the thesis writer hopes this thesis can be used as a comparative material for other analysis.