

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

In our daily life, we meet a lot of literary works. Literature gives us a lot of advantages. From this we can learn and understand it. Literature is writing that expresses communication and thought, feeling and attitudes toward life. Literature is identical with life. It can be seen that literature is a true picture of reflection of human's life. It describes what and how human life is and usually happens in the society. Literature is also impossible to be separated from society and human life. By reading or enjoying the work of literature, we will get experience of life that we have never known before.

Whatever the forms of literature, literature itself can influence many aspects of life. It can influence the way and style of life, attitude, norms, and aims. Sometimes literature tries to give some solutions and critic toward life.

Jones, in his book *Outline of Literature* says that, "Literature is simply another way we can experience the world around us through our imagination". In its broadest sense, literature includes all written materials, such as history books, dictionaries, novels, magazines, and school textbooks.

The writer is interested in literature because literature reflects the real life, thought, feeling, behavior or attitude of human being. By learning literature, we gain many advantages; we enrich our humanity and increase our interrelationship.

We learn that other people have problems and aspirations similar to or different from ours.

Literature can be divided into poetry, drama, novel and short story. Novel is a prose narrative of reasonable length exploring everyday life in some details. The central tradition of a novel is one of the realism and naturalism of loyalty to be the fact manners of everyday life.

With the description above, the writer wants to know more about English literature during the writer studied at WIDYA MANDALA MADIUN. She read much literary work especially novel. Most of them were British and American in English. But for this thesis, she chooses an American novel because she wants to know more about American Literature especially American novel.

The writer collected some novels that can be read to spend the time and found qualified novels that were written by great American novelist. One of them is *Kaleidoscope* written by Danielle Steel. It is a great popular novel of Danielle Steel's work. Other novels for example *Pride and Prejudice*, *Scarlet Letters*, *Death of Salesman*, and etc.

By reading novels, we may acquire amusement, which will lead us to a keen perception of beauty and make us sensitive to artistic work in general. Various life experiences in the novels may give us wider perspective of life, which is very useful in the growth of our personality, integrity and performance. We can share and acquire experience through reading various themes of novels. Different themes will surely tell the readers different thing. Thus, the reader's knowledge becomes richer.

The writer decides to choose the novel entitled *Kaleidoscope* written by Danielle Steel because it is one of the Danielle Steel's elegant works. *Kaleidoscope* is his pocket book edition, the first is published in August 1987 (his hard cover is published in a year last), *Kaleidoscope* became the best selling novel of 1987. Beside that, she wants to know the benefit of story of human beings because each story may have an advantage for the reader.

Based on human daily, people often have conflict. This may be elemental, psychological or social conflict. In literary work, there are conflicts that make the story vivid. Conflict appeals the emotion of the readers, his feeling of joy and sorrow, pity, fears and anger. It must appear to his sense. It must make him feel. (Jones, 1968: 30)

In the novels Hilary Walker experiences bad event in her childhood, her father kills her mother. Everything happened when she is young and she does not do anything to help her mother. She never gets attention and love from her father. But her mother always takes care of her very much. But her father does not care with her. Her father is caught by police and returned in the jail. He experiences depression and shock. He commits suicide in his cell. And his daughters become fatherless child.

In other hand, their father's friend tries to help take her. But his wife does not agree to it. He wants to take them, because none one wants to adopt them. He leaves the older girl with the aunt and uncle. And next, they live separated. However, the older daughter, Hilary does not live alone. She is suffering in her uncle's house. Her uncle tries to violate her, but she struggles to save herself.

Then she flees from her uncle's house and tries to find her sisters. She tries to look for information from any people. But anyone does not know about her sister's existence. Although many problems, she must struggle continue. This makes the writer interest to analyze about it.

The psychological conflict of Hilary Walker is so interesting, that the writer chooses the title *The Effect of Separation on the Psychological Conflict of the Main Character in Danielle Steel's Kaleidoscope*.

1.2 The Statement of the Problem

After reading the novel *Kaleidoscope* the writer found some problems that are interesting to be discussed. Therefore, the writer formulates the problems as follows:

1. What is the psychological conflict on Hilary Walker as the main character?
2. What are the effects of separation of three sisters on Hilary Walker as the main character?
3. How is the solution of the conflict?

1.3 The Limitation of Study

In this thesis, the writer would like to pay attention only the effect of separation on the psychological conflict of the main character in the novel. In order to avoid the discussion wide, the writer limits the analysis. The scope of the study has some aspects in this thesis. The writer limits the scope of discussion on psychological conflict on Hilary Walker as the main character, the effect of

separation of three sisters on Hilary Walker as the main character and the solution of the conflict.

1.4 The Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To know the psychological conflict on Hilary Walker as the main character.
2. To know the effects of separation of three sisters on Hilary Walker as the main character.
3. To know the solution of the conflict.

1.5 The Significance of Study

In this part explains about the general of the problem. It is very important to study because the reader will understand what the general problem of this thesis. And the writer tries is better. So she must study again and again. The study of significant reference for other researches doing further research on the effect of separation on the psychological conflict of the main character because it can be normative implication of such study, the readers may take the advantage of the result of the study to achieve a maximum level.

The writer hopes that the thesis could arise the interest of reading among the people, since the amount of people who like or love reading is not too much considering the important of reading in increasing our knowledge.

The writer also hopes that the result of this study will enrich the research findings that are provided for those who are interested in the field of literature. It may be considered as additional source for those who are interested in studying literature and also in understanding literary work from different point of views.