

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is an interesting art in our life. It is the creation of human being. Literature describes human's life that always has story, structure and, aesthetic purposes. Trough literature, the author wants to express life and describes all of 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, to give the meaning of it.

In other words, 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 value or other within literature. As a form of art, literature uses language as its medium. Hudson (1965: 10) in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature*:

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 most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language.

Trough the statement above, 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 of literary works. It also influences the readers in order to get the truth of deep understanding 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 which is used by people to entertain and to share ideas or experiences in life. Carne (1972: 510) explains in the following:

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 us everyday life. Therefore, we can appreciate the life by understanding the novel stories. Novel story usually tells about love, tragic, and so on. Kennedy in *An Introduction to Fiction* states that, Novel is a book-length story in prose, whose the author tries to create the sense that while we read, we experienced actual life. It can be concluded that the author expresses his or her imagination to give the sense of the actuality for the readers. When the readers read the novel, they will get more knowledge and more experiences because novel is a picture of real life.

Lawrence in the novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover* explores feminism representing struggles for sexual pleasure by the main character, Connie. The feminism in Connie's struggles for sexual pleasure as the main character of the novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover* is interesting to be discussed. The fact that Connie's sexual life is controversial for some readers makes the novel even more interesting.

1.2 The Statement of the Problems

Dealing with the preceding discussion, the research deals with answering the following questions:

1. What makes Connie struggles for sexual pleasure?
2. How are Connie struggles for sexual pleasure?

1.3 The Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are in the following:

1. Describing the things that make Connie struggles for sexual pleasure.
2. Analyzing Connie struggles for sexual pleasure.

1.4 The Limitation of Problems

This research focuses on describing the main character of the novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover* written by D. H. Lawrence, namely the protagonist Connie especially about her struggles for sexual pleasure. Accordingly, this research elaborates everything that relates to feministic study in the novel.

1.5 The Significance of the Study

This study attempts to give deeper understanding about human problem, especially on feminism. This study also tends to enrich the knowledge about literary work, especially about D. H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. By reading the novel, people may act more wise each other because of better insight about sexual life. For the writer himself and the other researchers, this study can give some information about feminism values and also enrich the knowledge about literary work especially on D. H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.