

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

Literature is closely related to life because it is the work of human being and enjoyed by human being. It is a reaction of one person toward his environment and his period. It is also an important point in our life because it makes us happy, satisfied and arousing our desire, emotion and imagination.

Reading literary works makes our days be colored. So that, we can be more life than before. Literature which has a good structure and purpose will always be interesting. Literature exists and develops as long as human being lives.

Actually, there are many opinions about literature, for examples; *An Outline of Literature* written by Edward H. Jones stated that literature is simply another way we can experience the world around us through our imagination (1968:1). So that, by literature, we can know many things by using our imagination.

Literary works influence readers in order to get the truth of the world, knowledge, deep understanding of mind, and also life in world which are influenced by the environment. Besides that, the literary writers want to explain that literature is a kind of human being's expression in sharing their experiences in life, it is showed in William Henry Hudson's *An Introduction to Study of Literature*:

Literature is a vital record what men have seen in life, what they have experience 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. It is fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language (1965:10).

Edgar V. Roberts in *Writing Themes About Literature* gives his opinion about the categories of literature. He stated that literature can be divided into four categories or *genres*, consist of narrative, drama/play, poetry and non-fiction prose.

Narrative means an account of series events, usually fictional; drama/play is a kind of literary work which is designed for stage performing done by life actors and actress; poetry is a compressed and often highly emotional form of expression; while non-fiction prose means a broad term referring to short form like essays and articles and to longer non-fictional and non-dramatic works. The essay or article is a form designed primarily to express ideas, interpretations, and descriptions (1983:4)

Based on Robert's opinion above, novel which is included into a kind of fictional literary work and also consists of series events classified in to the first category of literature, that is narrative.

Novel is a long story, written in prose that contains prose fiction and deals with truths, problems and conflicts. Novel is written by an author as the result of his imagination about human life. The statement is supported by X.J. Kennedy's opinion in *Introduction to Fiction*. He states that novel is a book-length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that, while we read, we experience natural life (1983:180).

Another opinion about novel is quoted from Joseph T. Shipley's *Dictionary of World Literary Terms*. It explains that novel or fiction is a work however related to life or to actual life person or events in which the imagination of the author shapes the material (1970:199). It means that novel is made as a result of imagination of the author about human life described in the form of literary work. That's why when we read a novel sometimes we feel that some events happened in it seems like the events happened in reality.

Novel itself consists of some general elements. According to Edward H. Jones's opinion in *An Outline of Literature*, the outlines of a novel are title, point of view, dramatic conflict, theme, plot, characterization, contrast and style.

Talking about the ambition which is going to be discussed here, the writer finds the reality that everyone has ambition. Usually people think that being an ambitious person is an embarrassing fact. It is happened because the nowadays term of ambition usually has negative connotation. The words with negative connotation can stimulate certain emotional reaction (Widarso, 1992:9).

The nowadays term of ambition usually be understood as the willingness of gaining success through any efforts, even the wrong negative ways. It makes the term "ambition" become the pejorative term (Widarso, 1992:9). For knowing the positive connotation of the term "ambition", the writer wants to discuss the kind of ambition which makes someone be a better person after gaining it.

According to some reasons above, the writer chooses "An Analysis of Ambition and Its Influence on Main Character's life in Jules Verne's *Around The World in 80 Days*" as the title of this paper. Here the writer wants to discuss about

the ambition of the main character in the novel "*Around The World in 80 Days*". Mr. Philleas Fogg was a perfectionist man with a high self-esteem. Actually he only wanted to prove to his friends that he had a right opinion. He was sure that he could go around the world in 80 days. It was rather difficult to be proven at that time. So, in this paper, the writer will mainly discuss about Mr. Philleas Fogg's ambition, his efforts and their influence on his life.

1.2 Statements of the Problem

Due to the title, the writer would like to limit the problems just focus on the Mr. Fogg's ambition in this novel. This thesis is done for answering the following questions:

1. What is the basic reason of Mr. Philleas Fogg's ambition?
2. What is the influence of Mr. Philleas Fogg's ambition on his life?

1.3 Objectives of the Problem

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To elaborate the basic reason of Mr. Phileas Fogg's ambition.
2. To analyse the influence of Mr. Philleas Fogg's ambition on his life.

1.4 The Significance of The Study

By making this thesis, the writer hopes that it can create some significance toward the readers as follows:

1. To make the readers understand about the stability of human emotion.
2. To give spirits to the readers in reaching their positive ambition.

1.5 Scope of The Study

Based on the title of this thesis, "*An Analysis of Ambition and Its Influence on Main Character's life in Jules Verne's Around The World in 80 Days*", the writer will focus on the ambition of Mr. Phileas Fogg as the main character, and also the influence of getting ambition on his life. The writer limits the scope of discussion in order to get a clearer understanding of the discussion.

1.6 Method of Writing and Approach of The Study

An opinion about deductive method of writing comes from Sutrisno Hadi's opinion on his book, "*Methodology Research*". He states that deductive method is a method of reasoning with general information and goes on to the specific one that is related to the discussion (Hadi, 1986:36).

According to the opinion above, the writer decides to choose the deductive method in writing this thesis. She will collect some related data, then goes to the conclusion which is going to be a specific part of this thesis.

The main topic here is ambition, that's why the writer chooses the social psychological approach in writing this thesis. Aminudin's opinion about social psychological approach on "*Pengantar Memahami Unsur-unsur Karya Sastra*" states that it is a part of extrinsic approach, which try to comprehend the background of Social-Culture and also the life of people or the mental of people, when the literary work is created (1984:24). Based on its opinion, the understanding of social-cultural condition; the background of the society; and also

the author's point of view and attitudes are included as the important points in using this approach of running an analysis of a literary work.

Another opinion about psychological approach comes from Wilbur S. Scott, in "*Five Approaches of Literary Criticism*". The statement is stated:

Psychological approach can be used to explain fictitious characters, provides numerous instances from life which clarify the actions and reactions of created characters who might otherwise be puzzling or implausible (1962:72).

Based on Wilbur S. Scott's opinion above, the writer feels that it is suitable to use psychological approach in analyzing Mr. Phileas Fogg as the main character who had a big ambition to go around the world in eighty days.

In this thesis, the writer is going to discuss about the basic reason of Mr. Phileas Fogg in doing his ambition. Of course it will be related to his characteristics, his social background, and also the event which made everything to be started. Besides, the topic which is going to be analyzed are also the influence of his ambition on his life, related to his efforts in reaching the ambition and the instability of his ambition.