

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists the basic idea of the research, those are including; background of research, statement of problems, objectives of research, significance of research, and definitions of key terms.

1.1 Background

Literary work is something that can affect human life. This is because literature is a major element of cultural communities. It contains human values, ideas, problems and conflicts. In other words, it can be concluded as a way all their lives. As for which includes literary works such as poetry, short stories, novels. One of which is a novel which provide many of the character's personality.

(Little, 1970: 1), "A novel is a genre of literature that presents in detail enlargement of character, or the complex social situation, or the relationship between a lot of personality.

The literature is universal literary works such as documents in our lives, because of the series of events that can be viewed from the reality of social life. Human being can't be separated from literary work, it cause a medium in which can express all our idea , feeling and imagination. Literary work is also a proof of experience in the social life of a person who expressly rejected the story. Literature is a reflection of life there. That's why in addition to the social reality, a writer in creating a work is also influenced by the experience of his life or the

environment and be the existence of the realities of life. Literature can not be separated from the history and the society in which literature raises and grow. Literature is also not out of mind is the source of reality and human habits.

This is because in a literary work that is novel there are a variety of different phenomena and relationships are so complicated it is surrounded by some of the people or characters.

According to Graham Small, “novel develops a theme which is one of the best ways to express the moral and social thinking. By using a clear picture of the time leads us to see that we understand the setting. It invites us that we live in it (Little, 1970: 101-102).”

Based on the explanation above the researcher knows that the literature is the result of writer’s creative imaginer or the result of the writer for society. This to be one of the researchers to take interest in literature as an object of research. beside that beauty of figurative language, the unity of literature, the specific literature and standing alone, but there is also the advantages that the researcher can take, those are the literature also present from to beginning conflict until the end of conflict.

In this thesis, the researcher will focus on the social conflicts of the main character in the novel *Great Expectations*, which is one of 13 novels published in 1861 in English written by Charles Dickens. Citing a review in the London Times, "Dickens wrote his work with a combination of quality intellectual and social inequalities were outstanding." Which in this case *Great Expectations* is a literary work that is able to criticize the social situation of English at the time the main

character portrayed by a figure of him that the social situation is just as apparent sign of life was not free from any conflict of life going.

According to Burhan (1994:24), "Conflict includes in intrinsic element. Researcher chooses for the analysis of conflict after reading and understanding the whole story in a novel that will searched."

The Researcher found many problems that occurred in each of the characters, and most of the problems which occurred primarily in the main character on the novel. Problems that happened with the surrounding environment. So, in this analyzes novel especially the social conflict.

According to Robert (1993:20), " character is the persons presented in dramatics of narrative work who are interpreted by reader as being endowed with the moral and dispositional qualities that are expressed in what they say and what they do in action."

From the statement above it can be concluded that character is the way of life on human being Conflict seems to be natural for human being because man can not escape from it. It happens so because man can not fulfill all he desires completely. Where the choices fail to satisfy the complete desire, the result will be conflict. Thus, conflict is a matter of choices which results sense of disappointment.

Coser (1956:23) says that, " Social conflict is a struggle over values or claims to status, power, and scarce resources, in which the aims of the conflict groups are not only to gain the desired values, but also to neutralise, injure, or eliminate rivals. Defines conflict as an opposition of interest between and among various individuals and social groups, which may or may not be overtly observable, and which may or may not break out into open dispute or physical violence."

In addition, there are two previous studies related to the discussion of social conflict. The first previous study is a graduating paper from Roihatul Adfariyah

entitled *An Analysis of Conflicts Faced by Oliver Twist as The Main Character of Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist* in year 2007, and the second previous study is graduating paper from Aris Yulianto entitled *Social Conflict Between Upper Class and Lower Class As A Result of Industrialization Found in Jack London's Short Story "South of The Slot* in the year 2007.

1.2 Statement of Problem

Based on background above the researcher will identify the following problems :

1. How are the characterizations of the main character in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* ?
2. How does social conflict occurs in the main character Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations* ?

1.3 Research of Objective

The main objective of this study is, to make the readers know and understand well about the content of the novel. Besides, the researcher wants to provide the answer from the problems of the study. The objectives of this study are :

1. To find how are the characterizations of the main character in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.
2. To find the sosial conflict occurs in the main character Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

1.4 Research of Significance

There are also benefits in the following research:

1. Theoretically Benefits

The researcher hopes that this study can provide an appreciation of the literary world, which can understand any social conflict in a novel and to provide an understanding of the main character in the face of conflicts that arise in the novel's plot.

2. Practical Benefits

The researcher hopes that this study can provide development study of literature, just not by skimming, but the give criticism to literature, particularly among those who enjoy the study of literature.

1.5 Definitions of Key Terms

In order to have clear understanding of the terms used in this study, the researcher provides some definitions of the terms used in the title of the study :

- Analysis : The study of something by examining its parts and their Relationship.
- Conflict : The meeting of two opposite things or elements or characteristic and its results.
- Social Conflict : Is man in conflict against another.
- Character : The people or animals who make something happen or produce an effect in the story and they perform the action of the plot.
- Novel : A fictional prose narrative of considerable length,

typically having a plot that is unfolded, by actions,
speechs, thoughts of the characters.

Charles Dickens' : The author of "*Great Expectations*"

Great Expectations : The Title of Charles Dickens novel.

