

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter deals with research method that the researcher uses in this research. This chapter is consists of research design, sample data, source of data, technique of collecting data, and technique of analyzing data.

3.1 Research Design

In this research, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative method. According to Jauhari (2010: 34), descriptive method is a method describe an event, thing and situation clearly without influences the research object. The object of this research is *The Scarlet Letter*, and researcher analyzes conflict of the story without change the real text.

The purpose of descriptive method is making the description or potrait systematically, factually and accurately about the facts, properties and relations among phenomena investigated (Maxwell: 1996:17). Dawson (2002:110-111) defines that Qualitative researchers, can influence mind of the researcher or participant who uses the method. It might able for researcher use their perspective based on background experience to the research. Qualitative data analysis is a very personal process. Ask too researches to analyze a transcript and they will probably come up

with very different results. This may be because they have studied different subjects, or because they come from different political or methodological standpoints.

Based on the statement above, qualitative research seems subjective because the result of research is according to the individual preferences but it needs constant interpretation to approach the result. Dawson (2002: 211) said that for qualitative data, the researcher might analyze as the result progresses, continually refining and reorganizing in light of the emerging results. So that, the researcher follows the way Dawson (2002) suggest to analyze for the progress of this research to analyze the object.

3.2 Sample of Data

Data are facts or information that is used to discuss and analyzed by research. So much data that has been discovered by researchers, taken from the narrative of the author, sentence in the dialogue, the statements in the novel with regard to social conflict. There are 28 data that researcher analyze from the object, and on this sample of data the researcher just put some of those, there are 2 sample of social conflict data and 2 sample for end of social conflict data.

Table 3.1 Social Conflicts Occur in The Novel *The Scarlet Letter*

No	Character involved	The social conflict	Textual Evidence
1.	Hester Prynne with Puritan	Unspoken Truth	<i>"Never," replied Hester Prynne, looking not at Mr. Wilson, but the deep and troubled eyes of the younger clergyman. "It is too deeply branded. Ye cannot take it off. And would that I might endure his agony as well as mine!" (Chap.3, pg. 88).</i>
2.	Pearl with Arthur Dimmesdale	Untrusting	<i>"Minister!" whispered little Pearl. "What wouldst thou say, child?" asked Mr. Dimmesdale. "Wilt thou stand here with mother and me, tomorrow noontide?" inquired Pearl. "Nay; not so, my little pearl," answered the minister... Pearl laughed, and attempted to pull away her hand (Chap.12, pg.185).</i>

Table 3.2 The End of Social Conflicts Between The Characters in The Novel *The Scarlet Letter*

No	Social conflict	The end of conflict	Textual Evidence
1.	Unspoken truth	Confession of a man	<p><i>“People of New England!” cried he, with a voice that rose over them: high, solemn, and majestic – yet had always a tremor through it, and sometimes a shriek, struggling up out of a fathomless depth of remorse and woe – “ye, that have loved me! – ye, that have deemed me holy! – behold me here, the one sinner of the world! At last! – at last – I stand upon the spot where, seven years since, I should have stood, here, with this woman, whose arm, more than the little strength werewith I have crape hitherward, sustains me at this dreadful moment from groveling down upon my face! Lo, the scarlet letter which Hester wears! Ye, have all shuddered at it! Wherever her walk hath been – wherever, so miserably burdened, she may have hoped to find repose – it hath cast a lurid gleam of awe and horrible repugnance round about her. But there stood one in the midst of you, at whose brand of sin and infamy ye have not shuddered!” (Chap.23, pg.306)</i></p>
2.	Untrusting	Confession of a man	<p><i>“My little Pearl,” said he, feebly; and there was a sweet and gentle smile over his face, as of a spirit sinking into deep repose; nay, now that the burden was removed, it seemed almost as if he would be sportive with the child – “dear little Pearl, wilt thou kiss me now? Thou</i></p>

			<p>wouldst not, yonder, in the forest! But now thou wilt?"</p> <p>Pearl kissed his lips. A spell was broken (Chap. 23, pg. 307).</p>
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3.3 Source of Data

The source of data is used by researcher from *The Scarlet Letter* novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne which publishing in 1992, *The Scarlet Letter* is a classic enquiry into the nature of American Puritanism and the New England conscience during the 17th century. It is widely regarded as the most celebrated and popular of all Nathaniel Hawthorne's many works.

3.4 The Technique of Collecting Data

To collecting data, the researcher using some method:

1. Browsing internet, at the first the researcher browsing any data as the basic information for fulfill the knowledge before start to arrange the analysis concept.
2. Downloading, after found and conception to know what should be did to the object, then researcher download pdf. of journal on <https://openlibrary.org>
3. Reading the novel, *The Scarlet Letter*, as the main source. The researcher read the novel for several times to understand the novel clearly. Therefore, the

technique of collecting data, first is the script were read by using the three kinds of reading technique; intensive, extensive, and details reading to identify the dialogues of all characters in *The Scarlet Letter* in reference to create the conflict and produce the plot.

3.5 Technique of Analyzing Data

The next step is to analyze the primary data is Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel *The Scarlet Letter*. The analysis is carried out with the help of other supporting data:

1. Identifying data. The researcher took the data from Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* which reflects the social conflict which happen between the characters.
2. Categorizing and classifying all data in the novel. There are any kinds of the social conflict between the characters, and the researcher have to classifying the data as the conflict's theory.
3. Describing and interpreting data. The researcher describes the data to interpret how the social conflicts are happen between the characters in novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

3.6 Organization of Writing

This paper is divided into five chapters as follow:

Chapter I : Introduction

This chapter is explain about the background of study, statement of problem, research purpose, research significant, and definition of key term.

Chapter II : Theoretical Framework

This chapter consists of the theories explain about conflict; (a) internal conflict, (b) physical conflict (c) social conflict, and the synopsis of the novel.

Chapter III : Research Method

This chapter explores the methodology of this research, such as: research design sample of data, source of data, technique of collecting data, technique of analyzing data, and organization of writing.

Chapter IV : Data analysis

This chapter explains the researcher's data analysis which consists of finding and analysis in order to answer he research questions based on the problem statement.

Chapter V : Conclusion and suggestion

This chapter is consist of the conclusion of the research and suggestion from the researcher for further research.

