

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter describes The Nature of the Research (3.1), The Source of the Data (3.2), The Selection of the Data (3.3), The Data (3.4), and The Steps of the Data Analysis (3.5).

3.1 The Nature of the Research

The writer used qualitative approach in this study and to analyzes data the writer used content analysis method. This method is used to give description information of James Thurber's Secret Life of Walter Mitty as stated by Walter R Borg and Meredith Gall: "Content analysis method is research technique for the objective, systematic and qualitative description of the manifest content in communication". And this method is applied "To product descriptive information which gives a good understanding of what problems are". (Borg and Gall, 1983:514).

In this study the researcher utilizes psychological approach to analyze the main characters in the James Thurber's Secret Life of Walter Mitty and James Joyce's The Eeline. It seems those approaches very close to analyze the aspects, especially the main character's conflict and the plot, found in the main characters' characteristic and the setting which influences the main characters. The analysis of the main characters is made by unfolding the character through actions and dialogue.

Literary works manifest social life and have a close relation with social community, as commonly literary works discuss the human life. Based on that statement the writer uses psychological approach to analyze the main characters. Psychological approach is an approach that is applied since literary works are frequently study events or phenomenon about human's life (Atarsemi, 76:1993). Psychic conflicts are caused by psychological problems. It is natural, as humans' character that desire something more and more which actually their ability and capability are limited. Therefore, humans' life is just like a drama, which containing plots of life that may be due to humans' characteristics and their interaction to surroundings in their social life or interaction to them selves, their mind or heart, in this case is internal conflicts. The psychological approach here includes the main characters' characteristics and is used to analyze the main characters' conflicts. The psychological approach is appropriate, because it can be used to explain the plot aspect and the characteristic of the main characters.

3.2 The Source of the Data

The writer used the short story entitled *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* by James Thurber and *The Eveline* by James Joyce as the source data. The story consists of some characters. It is analyzes the characterization, conflict, and comparison of main character.

3.3 Main Data

The main data in this study are taken from *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* story by James Thurber and *The Eveline* by James Joyce. They are in the forms of conflict and psychoanalysis. Both of story choosen because there are simmlarity and dissimilarity base on conflict or nor character. The main character of each story have a same basic of conflict. Both of them try to escape from their bad condition. Therefore, the researcher interested to choose both of story to analized.

3.4 Tehnique of Data Analysis

The library research was applied to support the analysis of the short story, collecting some data and information needed from the relevant books or other resources. Then reading and comprehending the data, making some notes until making conclusion. According to Atar Semi,

library research is a method of doing a research in a working room or library, where the needed data and information about the subject matter are required through books or other audiovisual means. Library research is done to collect the data by finding some books related to the research as references (1993:8).

3.5 The Step of Data Analysis

The writer analyzed data by:

3.5.1 Describing the data by describing the theme, plot, and the conflict.

3.5.2 Explaining the characterization and conflict of main character in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* and *The Eveline*.

3.5.3 Explain the comparison and contrast between James Thurber's *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* and James Joyce's *The Eveline*.