

CHAPTER III

METHOD OF THE RESEARCH

In this chapter, the researcher discusses the method in getting and analyzing the research about the portrait of nothingness through the characterization of Gregor in Kafka's *The Metamorphosis*. This chapter consists of the nature of the research, the source of the data, the data, data collection, data analysis technique.

3.1 The Nature of the Research

The nature of the research here is qualitative because this research constitutes descriptive explanation. Hancock stated that qualitative research is related with the premises, experiences and individual's senses to make the subjective data (1998: 2). Then, according to Tewksbury, qualitative research focuses on the senses, features, and defining natures of cases, humans, interactions, locations or cultures and experiences (2009: 38-39). Those statements give explanation that qualitative research is one of research methods which describes the data subjectively and naturally, such as opinions, experiences individual's feelings.

In the meantime, qualitative research is observed for analyzing obvious cases in temporal and local specialty and beginning from human's utterances and actions in the local contexts (Flick, 2009: 21). In addition, Merriam also defines, "qualitative inquiry, which focuses on meaning in context, requires a data collection instrument that is sensitive to underlying meaning when gathering and

interpreting data” (2009: 2). Those statements give the clear definition that qualitative research is examined to analyze the concrete case or data which is concentrated on meaning in the context. Thus the qualitative research is not focused on number or statistical approach because the objectives of qualitative research as involving the theory, describing the reality deeply without formulating hypothesis.

Apparently, there are several steps which must be done by the researcher in qualitative research. Pauly (1991) in Potter’s book (1996) classified qualitative as five steps, those are finding a topic, determining research questions, collecting and interpreting the evidence, describing the researcher’s story, and arranging the theory which is appropriate with the research. The steps above have to be conducted before analyzing or writing the result of a research. Above all, qualitative research is stressed on the process of collecting data, not on the result of collecting data.

3.2 Source of the Data

This research analyzes about *The Metamorphosis* novel that was written by Franz Kafka in 1912 and it has connection with his experience of life. Because the original language of a novel is German, the researcher took the same story that has been translated by Ian Johnston in English. It was published in 1999 by Malaspina University College Nanaimo through Planet PDF (2015).

3.3 The Data

The researcher acquired the data from selecting some sentences or dialogues that emerge from some characters in Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* because the data is not only gained from the main character but also from other characters. Then, for complementing the analysis, the researcher uses two data resources such as library and internet resources.

3.4 Data Collection

In selecting the data, the researcher uses some steps that will be mentioned based on qualitative research as below:

3.4.1 Preparing the *Metamorphosis* novel for reading purpose

3.4.2 Collecting the characterization and nothingness of Gregor through scanning technique

3.4.3 Exploring the characterization and nothingness of Gregor through skimming technique.

3.5 Data Analysis Technique

Data analysis technique is the way or step to do analysis of data orderly. Firstly, the researcher reads and interprets the story carefully until she finds the issues depend on the research question. Then, he identifies, groups, and quotes some sentences or dialogues based on research question. Furthermore, in analyzing data, the researcher puts several theories that have connection with the data in order to support and strengthen the analysis of data. One of theories which is used from Jean Paul Sartre as the prime philosopher of existentialism, exactly in

nothingness concept which is contained in the data. The last, the researcher takes a conclusion as the result of analysis.

The data in this research will be observed, processed and analyzed depend on theoretical framework that has been mentioned above. Therefore, the researcher uses some steps of techniques to analyze the data orderly. Those can be listed below:

3.5.1 Reading *The Metamorphosis*

3.5.2 Interpreting and conceiving *The Metamorphosis*

3.5.3 Identifying and grouping the data based on the research question

3.5.4 Analyzing the data by situating the theory based on reseach question

3.4.5 Concluding the result of the analysis and giving the suggestion for the next research.