

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter present background of knowledge, statement of problem, purpose of the study, significant of the study, scope and limitation, organization of the study and the definition of the key term.

1.1 Background of Knowledge

Literature has rich definition, one of them literature, it expression by Klarer that:

Literature” is derived from “littera” (letter), which is the smallest element of alphabetical writing. The word text is related to “textile” and can be translated as “fabric”: just as single threads form a fabric, so words and sentences form a meaningful and coherent text (Klarer, 2004:14).

based on Klarer opinion can be understood that literature is can of literary work which is as application as writing skill that has full meaning.

The others opinion is also explained by Quinn that literature usually understood to refer to “creative” work in the form of poetry, fiction and drama (1932: 243). Looking Quinn’s quotations can be understood that literary work is skill to create something new in writing. Usually literary can be application such as novel, short story, drama or poetry.

Literature is divided into two kinds, those are fiction and non-fiction. According to Abraham, fiction is any literary narrative, whether in prose or verse, which is invented instead of being an account of events that in fact happened. In a narrower sense, however, fiction denotes only narratives that

are written in prose (1999:94). Based on Abraham states, fiction can be understood that it is included literary work in writing, fiction is written by writer based on the experience of the writer whereas nonfiction is opposite of fiction which define, it is literary work but it is written by imagination of the writer.

Novel is kind of narrative fiction, it evidence by Quinn that Novel is usually a book-length fictional prose narrative (1923:293). Novel can be the most popular of literary work because when people read the story of novel, they will be easier to understand the value directly. Moreover, novel often gives additional value that is because novel possible describes the life of certain people at certain time which makes it challenging and interesting to know the story. After reading novel, people get some advantages such as moral value, wisdom or good philosophy of life that can be brought in the better living. Moreover, Literature sometimes is not always entertained but also it may be able to be as the tool to overcome the problem better because it is created by writer with particular purpose.

Literary works have good relationship to social problem. Discrimination is one of problem of society which still around us. According to Smith that discrimination consists in treating people differently on certain forbidden grounds like race, sex or religion (1954:91). It can be understood that discrimination is social problem which is distinguish people based on race, sex or religion. One of problem discrimination which appears in United States is race. racial discrimination is distinguish people based on different in physic such Jackson and

Weidman state that race is a group of people that is distinguished by various physical features such as, skin color, eye shape, or hair color or texture. (2004: 251). Based on Nicholas, Jackson and Weidman opinion can be conclude that racial discrimination is treating people differently based on different in physic.

Furthermore, the phenomena of racial discrimination found in the literary work "*To Kill a Mockingbird*" is written by Harper Lee. There are several reasons, why the researcher chose novel "*To Kill Mockingbird*". Firstly, "*To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*" is kind of good American novel, it evidenced that "*To Kill a Mockingbird novel* " could win great critical acclaim, including the [Pulitzer Prize for Fiction](#) in [1961](#). It remains a bestseller with more than 30 million copies in print. In 1999, it was voted "Best Novel of the Century" in a poll by the [Library Journal](#). lastly, Harper Lee expressed the story by giving serious issues and rapes, care to other people, moral, shelter are interesting to be discussed "*To Kill a Mockingbird*" is probably the most widely read book dealing race in America. The setting of the story takes place at the end of the great depression in small town of Maycom. The narrator, six years old Jean Louise Finch (Scout) lives in a world is shattered by her realization that is racism is rampant in her town and affect her family. Scout lives in country of Maycom, Alabama with her older brother Jem Finch, her widowed fatter Atticus Finch and the Africa-America nanny Calpurnia.

The story starts from Atticus Finch as white people defend Tom Robinson. The interesting point of story happens by Atticus who is from

white people but he struggle to defend Tom Robinson who is accused of raping Mayella Ewell. Actually, He knows that, white people in the country protest with Atticus's defend Tom Robinson, because at the time, racial discrimination is high and most of the society have concept to do racial discrimination although probably black people do not do mistake. One of reason, why Atticus Finch defends Tom Robinson because Atticus Finch wants to give justice for people who do not do mistake

Based on all backgrounds above, the writer is interested to analyze the phenomena of racial discrimination, because the phenomenon of racial discriminations is the problem that still relates human being problem and interesting to be discussed.

1.2 Statement of Problem

Based on the background of the study above, in other to give clear description to the problem being analyzed statement of the problem are formulated as follows:

- 1.1.1 How is the racial discrimination on Tom Robinson depicted in "*To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*"?
- 1.1.2 How is racial discrimination influence on Tom Robinson's and Atticus' family depicted in "*To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*"?

1.3 Purpose of the Study

In relating of the problem above, the purposes of the study are as follows:

1.1.3 To describe the racial discriminations on Tom Robinson depicted in “To Kill Mockingbird by Harper Lee”.

1.1.4 To identity the influence of the racial discriminations on Tom Robinson’s and Atticus’ depicted in “To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee”.

1.4 Significant Of the Study

There are some important benefits which will be useful for the reader. Firstly, the writer wants to give significant a deeper analysis of Tom Robinson’s to understanding.

Secondly, this study is expected to give deeper knowledge about literary works, especially Tom Robinson and a better appreciation of literary work in relation to society

Lastly, the writer also hopes, after reading this thesis, the reader can take some good messages from “*To Kill a Mockingbird Novel*” that may be able to as the example in the reality of life.

1.5 Scope and limitation

To avoid the broader analysis, the writer limited the focus only to the objective. This study focuses to analyze the racial discrimination by Tom Robinson as main character which is depicted on “*To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*”.

In addition to, the write also focus on the impact of racial discrimination which is depicted on *To Kill Mockingbird by Harper Lee*.

This study also analyzes other figures of “*To Kill a Mockingbird Novel*” will be discussed if they have relations to analysis this case.

1.6 Organization of The Study

This analysis is divided five chapters. The first chapter is introducing which consist of the background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, Scope and limitation, organization of the study and the definition of the key term.

The second chapter is the review of related literature; consist of some theories which might be applicable for the analysis in this study.

The third Chapter is method of reseach that consists of the nature of research, the source of the data, the selection of the data, data and data analysis.

The fourth is analysis and for the fifth chapter are the conclusion of this study and the result of the analysis. Bibliography and appendix, which consist of synopsis and biography of the author, will follow it.

1.7 The Definition Of The Key Term

1.7.1 Literature

Literature usually understood to refer to “creative” works in the form of poetry, fiction, and drama (Quinn, 243:1932).

1.7.2 Novel

Novel is usually a book-length fictional prose narrative (Quinn, 1923:293).

1.7.3 Discrimination

Discrimination consists in treating people differently on certain forbidden grounds like race, sex or religion (Smith, 1954:91).

1.7.4 Racism

Racism is defined as inherent in culture and social order (Essed , 1984: 10).

1.7.5 Race is a group of people that is distinguished by various physical features such as, skin color, eye shape, or hair color or texture. (Jackson and Weidman, 2004: 251).

