

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter presents addresses the method in carrying out the analysis of the types of defense mechanism of Robert Frost while he writes poetry entitled "*Fire and Ice*", "*Stopping by Woods on A Snowy Evening*" and "*The Road Not Taken*". This chapter consists of some parts. There are The Nature of the Research (3.1), Source of the Data (3.2), Data Collection (3.3), Data Analysis (3.4), and Data Analysis Method (3.5). The first part, the nature of the research explains method in this research that is qualitative research, the second part is the poetry that is analyzed, the next part is data collecting, the fourth part, it explains about the method used to evaluate data or making statistic data systematically and the last one data analysis method.

3.1 The Nature of the Research

In this study, the researcher uses qualitative research because the researcher will describe the type of defense mechanism of Robert Frost while he writes a poetry entitled "*Fire and Ice*", "*Stopping by Woods on A Snowy Evening*" and "*The Road Not Taken*". It will be written such as statement. Mertens (2010:225) gives the definition of the qualitative methodology is designed to provide an in-depth description of a specific program, practice or setting. Further, Mertens states that qualitative research is a situated activity that locates the observer in the world. In line with this definition, Kirk and Miller (1986:9), state that qualitative research is defining a particular tradition in social science that fundamentally depends on the observation to humans both in the region and in its terminologies. Other qualitative research authors, Denzin and Lincoln (2005:4), claim that qualitative research is a situated activity that located the observer in the world.

Qualitative research involves a natural approach to the world. This means that qualitative things in their natural setting, attempting to make a sense of interpreting phenomena in terms of meaning people bring to them. Lastly, in Liz Spencer, *et al* (2003:5), state that the purposes of qualitative research, the quality of qualitative research that generates the evidence for an evaluation is seen as lying at the heart of any assessment. This is because of primary interest evaluations based on empirical enquiry, which from the majority of government based on evaluative investigations.

According to those definitions above, the researcher can conclude that qualitative research is a research which aims to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the research subjects such as behavior, perception, motivation, action, and etcetera. Holistically, in descriptive way in the form of words and language, in a specific context that is naturally and by utilizing a variety of natural methods.

3.2 Source of the Data

The sources of the data of this study are the text of Robert Frost's poems, *Fire and Ice*, *Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening* and *The Road Not Taken*. The texts are taken from several internet sources.

3.3 Data Collecting

In this section of data collecting, the researcher points out to the line in Robert Frost's poems, *Fire and Ice*, *Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening* and *The Road Not Taken*. In collecting the data, the researcher picks up some lines within the poem which has an indication of defense mechanism.

3.4 Data Analysis

According to Shamoo and Resnik in Iranian journal of management studies (2003:9) say that the data analysis is the process of systematically applying statistical or logical techniques to describe and illustrate, condense and recap, and evaluate data. Following the description above, the data analysis in this chapter is arranged as follow,

1. Reading every lines of the poem to seek any indication of defense mechanism.
2. Interpreting the meaning of the poetry.
3. Relating the meaning of the poetry with life or tragedy that happened in Robert Frost's life while Robert Frost writes the poetry entitled *Fire and Ice*, *Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening* and *The Road Not Taken*.
4. Identifying the defense mechanism of Robert Frost's poems based on theory in chapter two.
5. Relating the meaning of the poetry with the type of defense mechanism.

3.5. Data Analysis Method

In this part, the researcher describes the way analyzing the obtained data. The data object primary in this research is arranged and analyzed using qualitative method. After that, the researcher describes it with process literally that placed in previous chapter, and the last the data result is analyzed to answer the questions in chapter 1 qualitatively.