CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter included, Background of study, Problem statment, Objective of research, Significant of research, Scope of research and definition of the key terms.

A. Background of Study

Literature is a form of creative and productive activity which produces a work that has a sense of aesthetic values as well as reflecting social reality. According to Wellek and Warren (1993:3) literature is a creative activity work art. Literature is 'creative' or 'imaginative' writing, does imply that history, philosophy and natural science are uncreative and unimaginative (Eagleton, 1996:2).

Literature is the aspect of human activities composition that tells a story, dramatizes, expresses and feels. Olaofe and Okunoye (2008:19) stated that literature is thus summed up as permanent expressions in words (written or spoken), specially arranged in pleasing accepted patterns or forms. Literature expresses thoughts, feelings, ideas or other special aspects of human experiences. Literature is a representative of the real life of humans. Sometimes it is used as publicly and criticism. Literature cannot be separated from human life since it give many contributions to people. That it helps people to understand what exactly happens in their environment.

Literary works are divided into three aspect, prose, poetry, and drama. Besides, literary work must show creative beauty and try to channel about beauty. Literary work the readers get entertainment, happiness and the best though as well as knowledge and mental experience. The literary expression resulted the experience of existing deposits in the author's life in depth though a process of imagination (Aminuddin, 1990:57). From the above explanations, it can be concluded that literature is one of the medium to draw our imagination by using of literary and literature as reflection of society. Besides, it helps the human to know about story in literary work especially a novel.

A novel creates with some aspects of structure like plot, theme, character, language style, and point of view (Sugira, 2004:74). The all aspects connect one aspect to one another create a literary work. Novel is imagination created about aspect of human. The stories like novel always have character, thus character do interaction to develop the plot. Character besides as subject also to be the object of the plot. Novel is a world especially made in words by author.

Based on the definition of the novel above, the researcher identified that studying a literary work, especially novel, will help us have a better understanding of life, environment, and culture. Besides, it also helps us know more about human problem and society difficulties. The study is concentrated on the social conflict in Cory Taylor's novel "Me and Mr. Booker". This novel narrates some social conflict of human life, as being performed by Martha and Mr Booker. There are many

conflicts in novel at happen between character and other character as life. Conflict in literary works seems to be an important part to develop a story.

According to Folt (2000) conflict is important to literature because it provides the basic materials for the construction of the story. Without conflict nothing would happen. It all can build up and makes interesting to read. Fisher et all (2001:4) stated that conflict is a relationship between two or more parties over (individuals or groups) who have, or who feel they have, which is not the target. Conflict always happens in every kind of life that hard to prevent. It could be cultural, conflict, values conflict, religious conflict, social conflict and the like.

Social conflict is struggle over values or claims to status, power, and scarce, resources, in which the aims of the conflict groups are not only to gain the desired values, but also to neutralize, injure, or eliminate rivals (Coser in Oberschall 1978:291).

The writer chooses the social conflict as the topic because the researcher has found social problems experienced by the characters in the novel. The social conflict are narrated in sequence to follow development as one of the intrinsic aspects of the novel. The writer was interested analyzing the social conflict because Cory Taylor's novel "Me and Mr Booker" narrates the social conflict that often happen in a real life. The writer assumes that social conflict has power to affect human behavior, way of thinking, attitude, and their relationships with other character.

B. Problem Statement

There are some problems occurred in this novel, but the writer only restrict to analysis to the social conflict. The researcher gets two things that become the problems of this study. Those are the kinds and the causes of social conflict happen in the novel. 3 Based on the background above, the researcher formulated the problem as follows:

1. What kinds of social conflict are happened in Cory Taylor's novel "Me and Mr Booker" ?

2. What causes are found in social conflict happen in the novel?

C. Objective Research

The writer hopes the problems above can be accomplished by these objectives:

1. To discribe the kinds of social conflict happen in Cory Taylor's novel "Me and Mr Booker".

2. To explain the causes of social conflict happen in the novel.

D. Significance of Research

The significance of this research expected to give useful information for the reader at literary work. The researcher expected to give helpful reference for another researches. Besides, the study expected to give contribution for the people who are interested in learning sociology on literature especially for the English literature students about social conflict of the novel.

E. Scope of Research

The researcher only focused on analyzing the social conflict in the novel. This research limited to the kinds and cause of social conflict studies by using theory of Lewis Coser in Cory Taylor's novel "Me and Mr. Booker".

F. Definition of the Key Terms

a. Social conflict

Social Conflict is a struggle between opponents over values and claims to scarce status, power and resources (Coser in Walker: 2005). Social conflict is the struggle for agency or power within a society. It occurs when two or more people oppose one another in social interactions, reciprocally exerting social power in an effort to attain scarce or incompatible goals, and prevent the opponent from 8 attaining them. The social conflict is a conflict when happened or caused by the unsuitable or uncomfortable situation between character and his environment.

b. Novel

Novel is a narrative that imagining situation and characters in plot. Literature (novel) represents life and life in large measure, a social reality, even thought the natural world and inner or subjective world of the individual have also been objectives of literature imitation (Welek and Weren, 1970:4). It may include the real place, people and events. Besides, novel is a work of art whose materials are taken from the contemporary life. As a literary work, it represents a

story about human life experiences. Novel is a mirror of the social life. As stated by Wellek and Weren (1970:95)

c. Cory Taylor

Taylor wrote in *Me and Mr Booker* about an Australian teenager's escape from her family through an affair with an English university lecturer. Her compassionate second novel was about a young Australian guard during World War II who leaves his family after becoming infatuated with a Japanese teenage boy interned in the Tatura enemy camp in Victoria. As she said when she was shortlisted for the Miles Franklin Award, she had thought, "In different circumstances my kids and I would be rounded up and interned". Her publisher, Michael Heyward, said on Wednesday that Taylor "was a remarkable person, compassionate and wise. She gave so many of us the gift of her kindness. And make no mistake, she is one of the writers who matters, whose work will live.