

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literature is an art form, like painting, sculpture, music, drama, and the dance. Literature is distinguished from other arts form by the medium in which it works; language (David, 1971: 139).

Literature reflects the various experience, ideas, passions, of human beings in their daily life that express on several forms and styles of literary works. Since literature directly derives from human life, it can increase our knowledge and experience about human problem including values, morals, cultures and human interest (Wellek and Warren, 1970:1). Literature is a creative activity and art, without artistic values literature would be just another kind writing, along with scientific, works, reports, etc. (Millar, 1970:18) it also increases human being's knowledge or insight, enrich, their spirits and make them more civilized. It can help them comprehend other people's conditions qualities. Therefore, literature helps human beings grow, both personally and intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding. It links them with the broader cultural, philosophic, and religious world of which they are a part.

Literature as entertainment means that literary work has purpose to make someone feeling amused. We may see some literary works such as in novel only amusing but they are meaningless and lack of message. In other hand we may see

some literary works that meaningful and full of messages. They play important role to make a literary work better in order to build up readers positive mindset.

Novel is one of literary work that plays an important role in giving a view to addressing the life artistically. This is possible, because the issues discussed in the novel are the questions of mankind and humanity. Novel development in Indonesia is quite fast. It is evidenced by the many novel published. The novels that had a variety of themes and content, among other about social problems, which generally occurs in the community, including those related to women.

Feminism is a collection of movements and ideologies that share a common goal to define, establish, and achieve equal political, economic, cultural, personal, and social rights for women. This includes seeking to establish equal opportunities for woman in education and employments. According to Ritzer (2004:448) "Feminism is kind of critical social theory which included in social context, political, economic, and history that is facing by injustice people".

Feminism was born to defend the rights and roles women in society, as the development of culture and social structure increasingly distinguish women and men feasible. The difference between women and men develop into discrimination which then triggers harassment.

Men and Women are not the same. Each has particular features and characteristics. Women are not equal to men. But neither are men equal to women. Islam envisages their roles in society not as competing but as

complimentary. Each has certain duties and functions in accordance with his or her nature and constitutions.

Liberal feminism contained in the novel *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban* suffered by Annisa regarding the alignment of a woman with men in the field of education in her family. Annisa fell unfair treatments as done by her family. Those prohibitions suffered by Annisa which makes restive because, Annisa's point of view and her own family are different. Annisa's point of view is obtained from outside environment the boarding school where she lived.

In *The Color Purple*, women tolerate racism, sexism and gender discrimination, but they unite with each other. Through sisterhood, women realize their talents, verbalize them and follow them. As they have emotional supporters, they follow their dreams without worrying and then achieve their goals. As Haste asserts, by giving authenticity to female subjectivity there should be some ways to change women's view of themselves and males' view of women. There should not be any preconception of women's subjectivity.

Today, a variety of gender inequality experienced by women of the middle is questioned and battered by a movement called the feminist movement. This movement seeks demolition of the ideology of oppression in the name of gender, the search for the roots of oppression of women, to attempt the creation of women's liberation. Therefore, in general it can be said that feminism is an ideology of women's liberation, because that is inherent in all of its approach is the belief that women suffer injustice because of their gender (Humm, 2002:18).

In this research the researcher used (Tong's, 2013:5-10) theory where feminism is divided into eight types: they are Liberal Feminism, Radical Feminism, PostmodernFeminism, AnarchistFeminism, Marxist Feminism, Social Feminism,Postcolonial Feminism,and Nordic Feminism.

Several previous studied about feminisms, Sudarni (2017) studied about Struggle of Woman In The Novel Sing Me To Sleep By Angela Morrison (The Analysis of Feminism) Based on the research, the researcher has answered the research questions concerning the writer's research problems about kinds of women's struggle and main character struggles to get her love in the novel Sing me to Sleep. The following are same conclusions: (1) the struggle in accepting the realities of life (2) the struggle to achieve a dream (3) the struggle for affection. Based on the analysis and discussion of the struggle of the main character in the novel Beth sing me to sleep works Angela Morrison, the most prominent struggle is the struggle to achieve a dream for so many hurdles and obstacles that continue its path he was able to survive with the people he loves.

Hafsah (2018) about feminism in perempuan with turban the results show that the feminism in Perempuan Berkalung Sorban describes the struggle of a woman by the name of Annisa in getting her existences and rights as an independent human being in life, and contains Liberal Feminism and Radical Feminism.

Sembiring (2011) studied about "An Analysis of Feminism in Maya Angelou's Selected Poems". This research used descriptive analysis method. She found that feminism ideas are poured into the seven poems of Maya Angelou and

the occasions during which women always get the bad treatment of men. The result of the research concluded that the women portrayed by Maya Angelou through her poems have worked hard to fight for their right to challenge the culture and the patriarchal society.

This study focused on the selected novels that contains about the types of feminisms. The data on this research is about the types of feminism and the source of the data in this research is novel.

The researcher assume the topic is the most interesting because men and women have the same obligations to the functioning of all the potentials as human being public life. Thus, the researcher is trying to understand the necessity to know the gender inbalance in the literature, as seen in the daily reality of society. And as we also know that Black people always get a bad treating from White people. The researcher wants all women in the world get a good treating and get a freedom.

B. The Problems of the Study

Relating to the background of the study, there are two problems formulated related to the study :

1. What are the similar types of feminism between *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban Novel* and *The Color Purple Novel* ?
2. How did the roles of woman struggle for the feminisms in *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban Novel* and *The Color Purple Novel* ?
3. Why can the figure of women struggle for feminisms in *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban Novel* and *The Color Purple Novel* ?

C. The Objectives of the study

Relating to the research question, the research decides two objectives of the research as follows :

1. To investigate the similar types of feminisms in both novels.
2. To describe the roles of women in *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban Novel* and *The Color Purple Novel*.
3. To elaborate the reasons why the figure of women can struggle for the feminisms in both of the novels.

D. The Scope of the Study

This research was restricted to discuss feminisms in *Perempuan Berkalung Sorban and The Color Purple Novel*. The research was wanted to limit her explanation about the similarities, the roles of women and why the figure of women can struggle for the feminisms from both of the selected novels.

E. The Significances of the Study

The significances of this research are as follow :

1. Theoretically, this study is hoped to be able to add the vocabulary of literary study which is related to the novel. It is also expected that this thesis will be a reference for the readers to widen their knowledge about novel.
2. Practically, this study may make the readers realize that one's right is not based on gender and make them more aware that all people are born to be free and equal.