

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the Study**

Human beings are different from each other. They have their own plan to fulfill their basic needs. Most of them will work hard to keep alive. They will do the best and even to sacrifice their souls in order to gain their goals. It means that they will make struggle against anything to come to their goals. They want to show their existence to the others. As their existence in the society, they want to be respected by others and become part of the society.

Being part of the society, humans are always and inexorably social creatures. In daily life, they must correlate each other if they are to survive as individuals. It means that their surroundings influence their lives.

Most of humans throughout history have struggled to cope with the practical demands of surviving, achieving goals, and finding meaning in life. Their actions are usually motivated by various needs. Motivational constructs also help people to perform consistently despite marked variation in stimulus condition.

Motivation is viewed as the factors that direct and energize the behavior of humans and other organisms. And motives are desired goals that underlie behavior (Feldman 294). It means that human will act or behave if he has motives. Such motives may be represented by basic behaviors such as either drinking to satisfy thirst or taking a walk to obtain exercise, or even as doing struggle to

defend or to get back his own, and come to his goal. Their motives can be both influenced by their own spirit and by the condition of place where they live.

Struggle in acquiring back the rightful inheritance of David, as the main character in this novel, which is attempted to be portrayed in *Kidnapped* is an elaboration of great desire of human being to seek meaning or purpose in his existence and activities. David's portrayal of the phenomenon of people searching for knowledge, beliefs, and values that give meaning to life is supported by human motivation as the factors that direct and energize the behavior of humans and other organism.

Along his journey to obtain his inheritance, David gets a lot of new experiences that give great contribution to his personality development. Scotland, wet country occupying about one-third of Great Britain which is in the form of hilly island and which is divided into three different part: the harsh Highlands, Central Scotland, and the Southern Uplands, also gives great influences to David's struggle.

As a young innocent boy who never goes outside of his countryside, it is a great shock for David to face the harsh reality along his journey. The difference condition between his countryside, Lowlands (Central Scotland) which is a peaceful place for living with his family, and the harsh Highlands in which he passes through his journey influences David's personality development.

Using those two different parts of Scotland, Lowlands and Highlands as the setting, Stevenson successfully establishes such a vivid atmosphere coloring the high-spirited individuals in struggling to stay alive, particularly in

the characterization of David Balfour, the main character. The wild Highlands which has splendid scenery, deep, glaciated valleys dominated by mountain and only limited areas of farmlands makes their inhabitants get addicted to struggle to defend themselves. For David himself, the wild and harsh Highlands challenges him to struggle in order to stay alive and to have a better future by getting back his rightful inheritance.

Discussing the establishing of David's success in acquiring his inheritance under the influence of his motivation and his environment comes to be an interesting topic for the writer. Through the discussion of the intended subject, it is known that human's motivation to fulfill the self-esteem needs has a tremendous impact in shaping human's personality development by the influence of the environment.

In David's case, his struggles are somewhat determined by his surrounding. He is continuously challenged by the wild and harsh reality around him to struggle to keep alive. Being compelled is quite uneasy for a boy with high imagination as David, who lives in such harsh reality. He is extremely attracted to struggle against anything to keep alive and to be existed as a member of society.

It is almost found that besides his own motivation, the environment has also a powerful influence to challenge every individual to struggle in order to defend himself from others' disturbance. Unfortunately, not all individuals have certain appropriate means to reach out their willing. Most of them tend to legalize any ways. Similarly, David is apparently enforced to legalize all manners in order to realize his dreams. In such harsh and wild environment, he attempts to fulfill

his willing by means fair or foul. David considers that if he does not do any struggle, he will not stay longer to get a better future.

In *Kidnapped* there are several certain manners how David's struggles to get back his right. The different environment and its people that move around David tend to directly affect him. The wild and harsh environment, the manner and the way people live there, challenge him too. In fact, it is unexpected that his uncle is kidnapping him. It means that to escape from the dirt trick he has to struggle against anything. To David, there are also some values that impress him, which also influence his personality development to face the reality.

#### **B. Statement of the Problems**

This study is conducted to answer the following questions:

1. How are the conditions of David's social environment that motivate his struggle?
2. How does David fight against the harsh reality to acquire his rightful inheritance?
3. How does the struggle affect David's personality development?

#### **C. Objective of the Study**

Relating to the previous statement of the problems, the aim of this study is:

1. To analyze and reveal the conditions of David's social environment that motivate his struggle.

2. To describe the way David fights against the harsh reality to acquire his rightful inheritance.
3. To reveal the impact of David's struggle toward his personality development.

#### **D. Significance of the Study**

By analyzing the story of Stevenson's *Kidnapped*, hopefully we can get something valuable to enlarge our understanding of literary works. Besides, we may be able to deepen our understanding of life in which most of humanity throughout history has motivation to struggle to cope with the practical demands of surviving, achieving goals, and finding meaning in life, and its aspects for literary works is the imitation of real life. And moreover this analysis shows us about the importance of struggle in order to get our goal in life.

It is also expected that this study would be meaningful for the study of literature. And it can be an effective medium in broadening and stimulating our mind, making us aware of wider human responsibility, and enhancing our enjoyment of life. Eventually for the reader, there will be more interesting and understanding in reading the novel.

#### **E. Scope and Limitation**

In order to keep the study stay in the expected field; a limitation of the analysis is required. Thus, the study would be concentrated on the analysis of David's struggle for acquiring back his rightful inheritance.

To obtain this purpose, the writer limits the focus of attention on three elements respectively the setting, plot, and character. The writer believes that they are considered to be representative enough as the main elements of the structure of the story in which they are interrelated to one another to express the wholeness of impression. The psychological and sociological approaches as the extrinsic aspects of the story also support this study in order to have a better explanation.

#### **F. Theoretical Background**

In this study the writer uses the Objective Theory since the analysis is about struggle of the main character and it concerns only the internal aspects of the novel. To support the theory, the intrinsic, psychological and sociological approaches are needed.

The intrinsic approach is used in analyzing Stevenson's *Kidnapped* in order to analyze the problems undergone by the main character. And to make the analysis be more adequate and objective, psychological and sociological approaches are used to support the analysis. This consideration is taken into account due to the fact that the study discusses David's personality development through the psychological process being influenced by the condition of the surrounding through his journey.

Accordingly, the writer is going to use Abraham Maslow's Theory of Human Motivation. Besides, the writer also necessarily applies sociological approach of George H. Mead's Theory of Self-Development.

### **G. Method of the Study**

The descriptive-analysis method is used in analyzing the topic. It will describe the analysis by the supporting facts. The sources are accumulated by library research, which is done by collecting, reading, and selecting the information concerns to the novel and topic and the theory. To come to a conclusion of David's struggle, the writer must carefully read the novel and find the essence.

### **H. Definitions of Key Terms**

- Struggle** : Physical and mental action or conflict against the harsh reality.
- Inheritance** : The estate (The House of Shaws) of David's father, Alexander Balfour, which is possessed unlawfully by his brother, Ebenezer Balfour. Actually, it is inherited to David Balfour, the son of Alexander Balfour.
- Motivation** : Reason and explanation for action through the presentation of convincing and impelling causes for that action.

## **CHAPTER II**

# **THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**