

CHAPTER I

I N T R O D U C T I O N

I.1 Background of the Study

Literature is closely related to life because it is the work of human creature which represents some aspects of life, such as human problems, experiences, and conducts. The objects of literature are obtained from the experience of life. This experience is later expressed in the form of literary work. The human problems and characters exposed in such work usually have a lasting and universal significance. Hence, literature helps us to widen our horizon and to gain a deeper insight into human life with their various problems.

This study deals with one form of literary works, namely a novel. According to C. Huges Holman, in his book entitled *A Handbook to Literature*, novel is a fictional prose narrative in which the representation of character occurs either in a static condition or in the process of development as the result of events or action (1966 : 335). While, according to Graham Little in his book, *Approach to Literature*, a novel is a form of literary work which presents one or a few characters in considerable depth, and also traces the development of characters as a result of the experiences of which the plot tells (1966 : 101)

Thus, from this particular form of literary work, people will be able to gain insight about human characters and their development as a result of the experiences they have undergone.

due to the crash between the white and the black in America during 1940s, racial discrimination has once become a big issue in the modern world. This event shows that even civilized people using high technology can not guarantee a harmonious peaceful life, especially because the white still can not abolish their old prejudice against the black. That is why the writer takes racial discrimination as the topic of her thesis.

In general, authors express their feeling, experience and imagination through their writing. They let the readers know what has happened in the world. These writing might be criticism on the gap between the rich and the poor or a satire on injustice in society or a description of cruelty in war. The study deals with one of the works written by William Faulkner, a great American writer. William Faulkner who is known as pre-eminently a "novelist of the South" succeeded in bringing his fictional world to such a level of imaginative realization that it proves more actual than the real. He often writes the common problems in the world in his writing, especially about tradition, moral confusion and the fate of the black man. Hence, concerning the topic of the thesis which is racial discrimination it is quite reasonable to

take William Faulkner's work. Furthermore, Faulkner's works are close to the problems of human's life, experience, easily absorbed and remembered that make the writer understands his work better. The other reason in choosing Faulkner's work is because the writer thinks that Faulkner comprehends the black's condition very well. Faulkner wishes racial discrimination could be abolished.

For a long time the whites have been thinking that the blacks are inferior. It is become tradition, especially in the South of America. In this modern world that tradition is still exist. The whites regard that they are number one citizen, while the blacks are number two. Through William Faulkner's work, *Intruder in the Dust*, the writer wants to show that the injustice treatment of whites to blacks still influenced by the tradition of Southern American people.

I.2. Statement of the Problem

As God's creature, all human beings are equal whether they are white or black. But, in practice, the white still can not free from the racial prejudice. The true heart wants to recognize the black as equal human being; the racial prejudice proclaims the black is inferior. The two are irreconcilable. To make the study of the injustice treatment of the white to the

black and to understand the racial prejudice of the Southern heritage, the writer will propose some problems as follow :

- (1) How is the injustice treatment of whites to blacks. especially to Lucas Beauchamp in William Faulkner's *Intruder in the Dust*?
- (2) Is the injustice treatment of whites to blacks influenced by Southern Heritage?

I.3. Objective of the Study

The objective of the study is to find the answers for the proposed problems through the analysis. Thus, this study is intended :

- (1) To show the injustice treatment of whites to blacks, especially to Lucas Beauchamp in William Faulkner's *Intruder in the Dust*.
- (2) To look for the influence of the Southern Heritage to the injustice treatment of whites to blacks.

I.4. Significance of the Study

This study is an attempt to give deeper insight about racial prejudice of Southern Heritage and the injustice of the white to the black. Through racial prejudice of Southern Heritage, the readers will understand why the white has

difficulty in recognizing the black as equal human being.

The result of this study serves to enrich our knowledge about racial prejudice of the Southern heritage during 1940s. Futhermore, it will hopefully be an input for other further studies which have the same theme, author, and etc.

I.5. Scope and Limitation

In analyzing this study, the writer will focus on the Objective Theory . While the approaches which used to support the analysis are intrinsic approach and sociological approach. The intrinsic elements which used in the analysis are only plot, character and setting.

I.6. Theoretical Background

The writer will employ Objective Theory because the writer will focus on the work itself. The intrinsic approach is needed because the writer will analyze the study through the intrinsic elements of plot, character and setting. While, the sociological approach is applied because the study also deals with the problem of society, racial prejudice and discrimination.

I.7. Method of the Study

Since this thesis is literary study, automaticelly the

writer uses Library Research. What is meant by library research here is a process to find information which is useful to help the writer to direct her research. It serves for giving a brief picture of other writer's experiences in dealing and writing this paper. Thus, on the first stage, the writer collects information from books, articles, encyclopedias and other printed materials related to the work of William Faulkner, particularly of *Intruder in the Dust*. The writer also tries to find information from any particular books dealing with the literary theories and approaches that will be used in the analysis. However, the main source used for the study is the work itself. Whereas the other sources are used for supporting the study.

The method which is later used is descriptive analysis. It is applied to give descriptive explanation of the problem found in the work through the dialogue, events, and actions of the story. Furthermore, the quotation in genuine form are provided to confirm and support the analysis.

Finally, through this analysis, the writer hopes to give a complete understanding about the meaning of the injustice treatment of the white to the black and the racial prejudice of Southern heritage.

I.8. Definition of Key Term

In this thesis, the important terms which are to be noted will be given as follow :

- (1) Treatment : In this case, the cruelty of the white to the black.
- (2) Southern Heritage : especially, the racial code of Southern American people during 1940s.

I.9. Organization of the Thesis

This thesis consists of five chapters; of which the first is divided into nine section. The first section stands for a background which explains about some considerations under which the writer makes the choices on this kind of literary work, this certain author and his particular work; and also about the message conveyed by the author. The next section exposes the problems which will be analyzed, concerning with this novel. The third and the fourth ones explain about the objective and the significance of the study respectively. The scope and limitation of the study and the theoretical background used to analyze the problems are explained on the next two section, followed by the method used to make this study. The list of key term which clarifies some terms considered important are given in the next

part. The last section explain about how this paper is organized.

The second chapter which serves to give general description of the object research is devided into two sections. The first part is clarifiying of theories and approaches used to analyze the problems. It gives a complete and further explanation of the theoretical framework already mentioned briefly in the previous chapter. The second part will discuss about the related studies of other writing about this work in general.

The analysis to find the solution of the proposed problems is given in the fourth chapter. It serves as an explanation of some important aspects of the work concerning with the problems.

The conclusion which stand for the solution in brief found through the analysis is given in the last chapter. This chapter is followed by appendix and bibliography.

CHAPTER II

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK