

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Humans have a will to satisfy themselves by doing something. In fact, they should consider the rules dealing with society's norms and standard behaviors. Humans will anxious if they do not get their willingness or when something threatened come to them. In psychology perspective, this feeling is called anxiety.

Sigmund Freud, Austrian scientist describes *anxiety* as an emotional condition where human feels uncomfortable and always feels so scare. Freud states that anxiety is the function of ego which alerts the person to sources of impending danger that must be counteracted or avoided (in Hjelle & Ziegler, 1992:102). Anxiety has close relationship with human's mental life and there are many ways to understand it. One of ways is appreciating a literary work. "Since the literature is the exposition of man's mental life, it can be said that literature has a close relationship to psychology literature and psychology has the same objects of the research that is human being" (Wellek and Warren, 1984: 91). Based on the reason clarified above, the writer is interested to observe the personality of the main character in one of literary works written by *George Orwell*, a novel titled *1984*.

George Orwell is one of the novelists who always reflects the life in the literary work. He was born Eric Arthur Blair on June 25, 1903 in Motihari,

India. George Orwell has written some essays, articles and novels. Most of his works are concerned with social and political aspects of life, *Down and Out in Paris and London* (1933), *Burmese Days* (1934), *A Clergyman's Daughter* (1935), *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* (1936), *Homage to Catalonia* (1938). The most outstanding social and political aspect of his work draw obviously in his last two novels, which become his masterpiece, *Animal Farm* (1946) and *1984* (1951). (www.enotes.com/1984)

1984 is a future novel, describing how development of science and technology no longer serves and authority over fiction in 1984. People in this country just live like robot. They must do programs commanded by the development, without considering human right. If there is a person is not obedient, he will disappear without anyone knows. People in the society are always suspicious each other even though between father and son. The development controls all strategic aspects in society, maintain their status quo and reduce freedom as well at other civil rights on behalf on national security and stability. They make a horrible condition to society and no one encourage to struggle. (www.enotes.com/1984)

Winston Smith (main character) is one of man in the society who hates government (Party) struggling to get better life. He is an unhappy individual who defends his innocence amid the rigid and homogenous community of Oceania. Winston is at the same position with other Oceanians. When inner conflict becomes incompatible, the resistance for freedom erupts. He starts a rebellion, but at the end he fails. (www.enotes.com/1984)

The writer is interested to observe the anxiety of the main character (Winston Smith) in George Orwell's *1984*. This research will observe the anxiety of *Winston Smith* by employing Psychoanalytic Perspective. This research titles "*Anxiety of Winston Smith in George Orwell's 1984*".

B. Literature Review

The writer finds other studies conducted by other writer. In Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, the writer finds that the novel has been analyzed by Umi Ambarwati, 1998 titled, "*George Orwell's view on Totalitarianism in 1984*": A Sociological Approach and Risyad Ibnu Ali, 2005 titled, "*Class Struggle in George Orwell's 1984*": Marxism Approach. There are also some studies on this novel. In Sebelas Maret University, there are "*Resepsi Atas Para Tokoh 1984: Suatu Kajian Struktural*", written by Aminuddin Noor, Sebelas Maret University, 1994; "*The Aspects of Existentialism on The Character of Winston Smith in George Orwell 1984*": Philosophical Approach, written by Subadi, Sebelas Maret University, 2001. In Gajah Mada University, there are; "*Totalitarian and Modern Men in Orwell's Nineteenth Eighty Four*", written by Maria Lies Wahyuningrum, 1985; "*George Orwell's 1984. A Satire on Intellectual Liberty*", written by Ridwan Kurniawan, 1992; "*Conflict Between The Social and The Individual in George Orwell' 1984*", written by Sigit Kurniawan Saputra, 1998.

In this study, writer will analyze the anxiety the novel, focusing on psychoanalytic perspective, by considering the importance of major

character's personality. There is no other researcher has analyzed it, at least in Surakarta.

C. Problem Statement

The problem of the study is how the anxiety of major character is reflected in George Orwell's *1984*.

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer limits the study on Winston Smith (major character) viewed from psychoanalytic perspective presented by Sigmund Freud.

E. The Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are follows;

1. Analyzing the novel based on its structural elements
2. Analyzing the novel based on psychoanalytic perspective.

F. Benefit of the Study

1. Theoretical Benefits

The writer hopes this study will give a contribution in literature knowledge on George Orwell' *1984* and knowledge in analyzing a novel through psychoanalytic perspective.

2. Practical Benefits

Practically, this study is to give better understanding in literature and psychology especially in personality to the writer himself and others. By bringing the lesson gotten from the study, the writer hopes he and others can reflect it to the real world, and not just as partial fulfillment of the requirement for bachelor degree.

G. Research Method

1. The Type of Research

This study uses descriptive qualitative method

2. The Object of Study

The Object of the study is George Orwell's novel, titled *1984*

3. Type of the Data and the Data Sources

There are two sources of data, primary and secondary data sources.

- a. Primary data taken from George Orwell's novel, titled *1984*, published at a Signet Book by arrangement with Harcourt, Brace and Co. Inc.
- b. Secondary data gained from other books, thesis, and other sources that related to the research.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The method used for collecting data is library research. The steps, as follow:

- a. Reading novel and other books that are connected to the research repeatedly

- b. Finding the important data
- c. Arranging data into several parts based on its classification
- d. Developing data that are provided.

5. **Technique of the Data Analysis**

The data is analyzed by using descriptive qualitative analysis. This is an interpretation the text and context analysis to psychoanalysis at the novel *1984*

H. Paper Organization

This research paper consists of five chapters which are presented as follows: Chapter I elaborates the background of the study, literary review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, theoretical approach, research method and paper organization. Chapter II presents the underlying theory consist of psychoanalysis theory. Chapter III contains the structural analysis of the novel and its discussion. Chapter IV is psychoanalytic analysis emphasizing on anxiety suffered by the major character. Chapter V consists of conclusion and suggestion of the research.