CHAPTER I

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

A. Background of the Study

The Twilight Saga: *Breaking Dawn* novel (2008) is the fourth novel of the Twilight Saga. It becomes the final of The Twilight Saga novel by American author, Stephenie Meyer. The Twilight Saga consists of 4 novels, there are *Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse,* and the final is *Breaking Dawn.* *Breaking Dawn* novel used English for original language. This novel was published by Little, Brown Young Readers on 2nd August 2008. It consists of 3 parts. Book 1 is Bella’s point of view, book 2 is Jacob’s point of view, and the last book is back to Bella’s point of view. This novel has 757 pages. (http://www.stepheniemeyer.com/gear.html)


The story Breaking Dawn is divided into three infidel books. During part 1 we read about Bella’s wedding and marriage to Edward. They spend their honeymoon on a romantic island near the coast of Brazil. During their stay, Bella’s wish comes true when she and Edward make love. Shortly after, Bella becomes aware of her pregnancy when she misses a period. She contacts Carlisle who confirms her suspicions; the couple makes plans to return soon after. The fetus develops rapidly, an occurrence that prompts Edward to request she gets an abortion. Unperturbed, Bella resists his pleas and contacts her friend Rosalie, who has wanted children for a long time.

Part two is written from Jacob Black’s perspective; it documents the pregnancy of Bella right through to the birth of her child. The werewolves in the novel are unsure of the child and fear of the danger it poses prompts them to make plans to kill Bella to prevent its birth. Jacob of course opposed and revolted. He cuts all ties to the pack and forms his own alongside Leah Clearwater and Seth. Four weeks after conception Bella gives violent birth to the child. In the process she loses a great deal of blood and suffers multiple broken bones. To save her life Edward is forced to embrace and turn her into a vampire. Immediately after the birth Jacob imprints the newborn baby girl Renesmee.

The final part of Breaking Dawn reverts back to Bella’s view point, continuing her story as an excited Vampire who enjoys all the abilities it
brings. Irina, another Vampire mistakenly identifies the baby; she believes Renesmee is an “immortal child, one that has been changed to a Vampire. An act the Volturi outlawed previously. Irina informs the Volturi of the act, they then decide to destroy the Cullens and baby Renesmee based on Irina’s allegations. To prove their innocence and save the life of their baby daughter the Cullens gather vampires to stand up as witnesses and help prove to the Volturi the child isn’t an immortal child. The ploy works, the Volturi realize they have been lied to by Irina and immediately sentence her to execution for the mistake. She is killed shortly after. Despite the news of the child true nature being revealed they are still unsure as to the threat the childs existence brings to the secret lives of vampires. Soon after, the arrival of Jasper and Alice, who too had a human-vampire child return. They prove the child presents no threat with Nahuel, their 150 year old crossbreed son. The Volturi see the truth in these words and promptly leave, safe in the knowledge that vampire-human crossbreeds can co-exist without bringing any undue attention on the vampire’s existence. Bella, Edward and their daughter Renesmee return safely to their home.

Breaking Dawn received positive and negative review from readers. Cara von Wrangel Kinsey of School Library Journal responded with a positive review, describing the book as "captivating" and noting, "While this novel is darker and more mature than the earlier titles, Meyer's twists and turns are not out of character". Lev Grossman wrote, "First, since there's a lot
of one-star reviews up on Amazon, let me say up front: I loved *Breaking Dawn*.

Besides that, *Breaking Dawn* received generally negative responses. *New York Magazine* wrote an article called "Did *Breaking Dawn* Ruin the Twilight Series?", which commented on *Los Angeles Times* author Denise Martin's review of the book, where she compared the book to the last in the *Harry Potter* series, saying that, unlike J.K. Rowling's finale, "Meyers' bunted". *Entertainment Weekly* graded *Breaking Dawn* with a D, criticizing the birth scene and Bella's "unwavering passion for Edward" and having no other goals.

The Twilight Saga by Stephenie Meyer was the best seller novel in the world. Each series of that novel has been filmed. Twilight was one of 2005’s most talked about novels and within weeks the book release debuted at #5 on The New York Times, the seller lists. The second novel, New Moon was released in September 2006, and spent more than 25 weeks at the #1 position on *The New York Times* bestseller list. In 2007, the third novel Eclipse was released. Breaking Dawn was released on August 2, 2008 at 12:01 midnight. Breaking Dawn sold 1.3 million copies in first 24 hours. After the publication of her novel, Twilight booksellers choose Stephenie Meyer as one of the “most promising new authors of 2005”.

(http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2008/jul/20/news.booksforchildrenandteenagers)
Twilight Saga has got many praises, they are New York Times Editor’s choice; a publishers weekly best book of the year, an Amazon “Best Book of the Decade...so far”. Besides those Twilight got A Teen People “Hot List” pick, An American Library Association “Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults” and “Top Ten Books for Reluctant Readers”. And also, Twilight Saga has been translated into 20 languages. (www.stepheniemeyer.com/bio)

There are many reasons why the researcher choose The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn novel as the object of the paper,. Breaking Dawn novel is best seller in the world. Although Stephenie Meyer is new writer, Breaking Dawn sold 1.3 million copies in first 24 hours after released.

Breaking Dawn has interesting aspect. The novel shows the Bella’s character which is dominant in this novel. Bella Swan is the main character. Bella is as being clumsy and stubborn woman. Her selfishness is seen when Edward asks her to the college before she transform, Bella rejects that offering. They have talked about that in many times. Bella always ask Edward to change her to be a vampire.

The setting of place of this novel is interesting. In setting of place, Twilight saga takes the location at Forks, Washington, United States of America. They take on pine forest in the border with Canada. Forks is often cloudy and rain. In the honeymoon part, Bella and Edward went to Esme Isle. It is an island in ocean east Brazil. Setting of time in Breaking Dawn was around 2008. Situation in that novel seems like at present. Breaking Dawn was
written detail description of the place, characters and situation. It makes the reader feels like in there.

As the final series of *Twilight*, *Breaking Dawn* is divided into 3 parts; there are Book 1, book 2, and book 3. Each book has its own plot. Each book there is a conflict and the resolution. Although each book has its own plot, but interconnected. Besides Bella’s point of view, separations into 3 parts make the reader understand better the story through Jacob’s.

Stephenie Meyer made *Breaking Dawn* in 2008. It influences in the language that is used in the novel. Meyer uses simple language for *Breaking Dawn*. It makes the reader understand better when they read this novel.

The final reason is that the researcher wants to know about the destiny of Bella. Bella as the main character in this novel actually, Bella is the human. She becomes the human until she died. But, Bella chooses to become the vampire. People can know the selfishness of Bella and regard her destiny. Bella chooses to become vampire better than become human.

*Breaking Dawn* is the fiction vampire novel told about love, sacrifice, and choices. The story of a love triangle between Bella, Edward, and Jacob. The sacrifice when Bella gave birth to Renesmee. And the last is when Bella is confronted with the choice between being human or become a vampire.

Based on the reason, the researcher will observe *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* novel by using existentialist psychoanalytic approach. So, the researcher constructs the research entitled **BETWEEN DESTINY AND SELFISHNESS: AN EXISTENTIAL STUDY ON BELLA’S SEARCH**
FOR MEANING OF LIFE IN MEYER’S BREAKING DAWN NOVEL (2008)

B. Literature Review

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn novel is an interesting novel. The previous research related to the study was conducted by Widarti Dian Nursusanti (UAD: 2010) in her research entitled “The Struggle of The Main Character in Defending the Unity of the Family in Stephenie Meyer’s Breaking Dawn: A Psychological Study”. In her research paper, the researcher shows that the main character was defending each other and protect from voltury’s attack. The research has similarity with the previous research, because it analyzes the same data source but the approach and the issue are different. Here, the researcher uses psychoanalytic existential approach to be analyzed, and destiny and selfishness of the major character for the issue.

As far as the researcher knows that there are no such kinds of research analyzing this novel and using the same approach whether in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta. So it is the first research on this novel and the first research using this approach.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the title and the background of the study, major problem is how Bella’s search for meaning of life is reflected in Meyer’s Breaking Dawn novel.
1. What are the indicators of the search for meaning of life?
2. How did Bella handle her dissatisfaction?
3. Why did Bella choose her life now?

The researcher will analyze Bella as a major character in *Breaking Dawn* from aspect of existentialist psychoanalytic approach by Erich Fromm.

D. Focus of the Study

To make the research appropriate, the researcher will focus on analyzing the Bella Swan’s destiny and selfishness in *Breaking Dawn* novel based on the existentialist psychoanalytic approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

Based on the problem statement above, the researcher proposes the objectives of the study as follows:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze indicators of the search for meaning of life.
3. To analyze how Bella handles her dissatisfaction and her final choice.

F. Benefit of the Study

It is understood that everything done has advantage. Different activities have different advantage whether theoretical or practical advantages. In this study the researcher expects that the research paper has some benefits either in theoretical or practical:
1. Theoretical Benefit

To contribute the development of the knowledge, particularly the literary study on *Breaking Dawn* Novel.

2. Practical Benefit

To give deeper understanding about Bella Swan’s destiny and her selfishness from existentialist psychoanalytic perspective and to give input to other researchers who intend to analyze *Breaking Dawn* Novel.

G. Research method

1. Type of the Study

   In this study the researcher uses descriptive qualitative research because it is suitable to explain the analysis and there is no need a statistic evaluation.

2. Object of the Study

   The object of this research is Bella Swan character in *Breaking Dawn* novel by Stephenie Meyer and it is analyzed by existentialist psychoanalytic approach.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

   The data is divided into two kinds of data:
   a. Primary Data

      The primary data are taken from main data source, *Breaking Dawn* novel. It comprises such thing dialogue, sentence and paragraph in *Breaking Dawn* novel by Stephenie Meyer.
b. Secondary Data

The secondary data are taken from data sources such as literary books, article and other relevance sources.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The technique of data collection in this study takes the following steps are as follow:

a. Reading the novel, until the researcher understand the story and find the data to be analyzed.

b. Reading some sources related with the novel.

c. Taking notes for important part both in primary and secondary sources

d. Browsing to the internet to get some information related with the research.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique of the data analysis is descriptive analysis. The researcher describes the structural elements of the novel with existentialist psychoanalytic approach. The collected data are interpreted and analyzed in detail through a existentialist psychoanalytic in destiny and selfishness of Bella in *Breaking Dawn* novel. Then drawing conclusion based on the analysis.
H. Paper Organization

This research consists of five chapters. Chapter I is introduction, which consists of background of the study, literature review, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, research method, and finally research organization. Chapter II comprises the underlying theory, which presents the notion of existentialist psychoanalytic, structural element of the novel, and theoretical application. Chapter III is structural analysis of the novel which involves the narrative elements, technical elements, and discussion. Chapter IV existentialist psychoanalytic analysis between destiny, selfishness of Bella and her final choises. The last is Chapter V, It contains conclusion and the result of analysis and suggestion for another research in future.