

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

In Indonesia, this year the literary work increased fast. It is different some years before. It can be seen that there are many literary works which are created by many authors from different background, such as doctor, teacher, or an officer who can make a good literary work recently like a novel, book, short story and many more.

A literary work is not only an imaginative work which give an entertainment, but also give moral message for the readers. Basically, literary work can give the readers many advantages like an experience which hasn't felt by the readers in their life. A good literary work consists advantages, values and message which can influence the readers to do well in their life. That is why, a good literary work is not only got from the arrangement of beautiful words, but the literary work must consists of values inside it. Beside that, a literary work can give the readers an entertainment and knowledge that can make them happy or feel satisfied with it. Literary work has many kinds of form, such as poem, poetry, drama, novel and etc.

Novel is one kind of literary works beside poem, poetry, drama and others. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, novel is a long fictional story written in prose. It is one of the most popular forms of

literature. Novel just not from the imaginative from the author but also from the experience life someone. Now, many novel which made become a film and also many film which made become a novel too. It happened may be from the story of novel or film is interesting, and will be better more interest and the story may be more life if make become a film or a novel.

The subject matter of novels covers the whole range of human experience and imagination. Some novels portray true to life characters and events. Researchers of such realistic novels try to represent life as it is. Novelist can arrange incidents, describe place, and represent characters in an almost limitless variety of ways. They also may narrate their stories from different points of view. In some novels, for example, one of the characters may tell the story. In others, the events may be described from the view point of a person outside of the story. Novels different from stories, biographies, and other long prose narratives that tell about real events and people. Novelist sometimes bases the story in legend, fairy story and others. It can be seen in A CHRISTMAS CAROL novel by Charles Dickens in 1843.

Charles Dickens was born in Landport, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, on February 7, 1812, to John and Elizabeth Dickens. He was the second of eight children. As a young boy, Charles Dickens was exposed to many artistic and literary works that allowed his imagination to grow and

develop considerably. He was greatly influenced by the stories his nursemaid used to tell him and by his many visits to the theater.

In 1836 Dickens also married Catherine Hogarth, the daughter of a fellow co-worker at his newspaper. The couple had ten children before their separation in 1858. The inspiration of a write a novel set during the French revolution came from Dickens' faithful annual habit of reading them as Carlyle's book. On June 9, 1870, Charles Dickens died. He was buried in poet's corner of Westminster Abbey, (Nissenbaum, 1996: 58).

The literary works by Charles Dickens are so much, such as *The Pickwick* (1836), *Oliver Twist* (1837), *Nicholas Nickleby* (1838), *The Old Curiosity Shop* (1840–1841), *Barnaby Rudge* (1841). Christmas books such as; *A Christmas Carol* (1843), *The Chimes* (1844), *The Cricket on the Hearth* (1845), *The Battle of Life* (1846) and etc. And the researcher choose *A Christmas Carol* novel as a material to her research.

A Christmas Carol is one of the famous novel by Charles Dickens was published first by Chapman and Hall on 19 December 1843 in England. *A Christmas Carol* is good book which read by all people, children, teenagers and adult because the story in that novel is easy to understand and moral message in the novel is good to build a good character. *A Christmas Carol* had been adapted to film on 1984 and on 2009 adapted to 3D Computer Animated (Fairhurst, Robert. 2006).

The story of *A Christmas Carol* starts on Christmas Eve in 1843, with Scrooge at his money-lending business. He is a coldhearted miser

with nothing but contempt for the poor, and who despises Christmas as a “humbug”. Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by the ghost of his business partner, Jacob Marley. Like Scrooge, Marley had spent his life exploiting the poor people. Marley warns Scrooge that he risks meeting the same fate, and that as a final chance of escape he will be visited by three spirits of Christmas; Past, Present, and Yet to Come.

The Ghost of Christmas Past takes him to see his time as a schoolboy and young man. The spirit then takes him to see a Christmas a few years later in which he enjoyed a Christmas party held by his kind hearted boss, Mr. Fezziwig. Finally, the spirit shows him a Christmas in which his fiancée, Belle, left him upon realizing that money had replaced her in his heart. Then, Scrooge was visited by the Ghost of Christmas Present, who shows him the whole of London celebrating Christmas, including Fred and the impoverished Cratchit family. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge Christmas Day one year later. The Ghost never speak when he was visit Scrooge. Scrooge weeps over his own grave, begging the spirit for a chance to change his ways, before awakening to find it is Christmas morning. He immediately repents and becomes a model of generosity and kindness.

A Christmas Carol taught to the readers become a good person, not miserly like Scrooge as a main character in this novel. And all of in this story is interesting start from character, setting place, time, plot, language

uses and especially moral message in the novel that good to build the readers's character.

There are four reasons why the researcher was interested in studying this novel; the first reason is simple plot. This novel is not difficult to be understood, because Charles tells to the readers with the beautiful and essay words to be understood. He started his novel by telling the readers about the character of Ebenezer Scrooge who miserly and ambisius. Not only that, but the plot in this novel is interesting. It is contains past, present and future time of main character. The second reason is the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. This reason become focus by the researcher because this character many has by other people in the world. This character is very ugly. This character can cause imbalanced social status in society. The third reason is the setting of the story, especially in setting time. Setting of time in this sttory is unusual, may be in other story the setting of time is only go forward in the future or go back in the past. But in this story the setting of time is go back in the past and go forward in the future. And it is interesting for the researcher. The last reason is message in this novel. This novel many give message to the readers such as teaching to like giving to other people and not miser, greedy or stingy. It is the important knowledge to other people especially to children in growing a good character. This message can influence the readers to self introspection and change to better character.

Based on the previous reasons, the researcher observed *A Christmas Carol* (1843) novel by using sociological theory as an approach to analyze this novel, because story in this novel reflected to the society. The researcher conducted the title of her study is **THE MISERLY OF EBENEZER SCROOGE REFLECTED AT CHARLES DICKENS'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL NOVEL (1843): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

B. Literature Review

A Christmas Carol (1843) novel by Charles Dickens is an interesting novel. The literature review to compare this research to other research, the researcher take two reserach to compare her research. The first study is conducted by Susana Sunarsasi (2002), a student of Department of Language and Arts Education in Sanata Dharma Universitty of Yogyakarta. His research title is *The Cold and Closed-Heart Character of Ebenezer Scrooge the Main Character in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*. In her research, she used *A Christmas Carol* novel, novel critical, psychological teori about character as a data.

The second study is conducted by Junastri Elfina R. Siahaan (2010), a student of Faculty of Letters English Department University of Sumatra Utara (Medan). Her title thesis is *An Analysis of Moral Lesson in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol*. She was analyzed the moral lesson and message in *A Christmas Carol* novel.

The previous research with the researcher research is different. Susana Sunarsasi analyzed what the source the character of Ebenezer Scrooge which cold and closed-heart was formed. While the Junastri Elfina R. Siahaan's thesis was analyzed of moral lesson in *A Christmas Carol* novel. The researcher was analyzed **THE MISERLY OF EBENEZER SCROOGE REFLECTED AT CHARLES DICKENS'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL NOVEL (1843): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

C. Problem Statement

The most important thing in a research study is knowing what the problem. In this research, the problem statement is "How is the miserly character of Ebenezer Scrooge reflected at *A Christmas Carol* novel?".

D. Limitation of the Study

This researcher gives the limitation of the study in order to the researcher only focuses in this research, it is only to analyze the miserly of Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* novel based on sociological approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows:

1. To describe Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* novel based on the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the miserly of Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* novel based on sociological approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefits of this study are:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of the study is hoped by the researcher to give a new information and contribution to improvement of the knowledge, particularly the literary studies on *A Christmas Carol* (1843) novel by Charles Dickens.

2. Practical Benefit

This study is hoped to give deeper understanding and enrich both knowledge and experience especially for the researcher, generally for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and also can be used as reference by other universities students that interested in literary study on the novel especially *A Christmas Carol* novel based on sociological approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative. Descriptive qualitative is a type of research which result the descriptive data in the form of written or oral words from the observed object.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *A Christmas Carol* novel written by Charles Dickens in 1843. It was analyzed by using sociological approach.

3. Types of the Data and the Data Source

There are two types of data namely primary data and secondary data that are needed to do this research.

a. Primary Data

The primary data sources of this study is *A Christmas Carol* novel (1843) written by Charles Dickens.

b. Secondary Data

The secondary data sources is the supporting data taken from other sources such as: *A Christmas Carol* Film 3D, biography of Charles Dickens, essey, articles, internet and other relevant information.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The technique of data collection is by reading the novel repeatedly and trying to imagine and understand the novel. Then, she takes notes

and underlines the important words, phrases of sentences which are related to the study. Next, she tries to relate the data collected and the point of discussion.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing data in this research is descriptive analyzes. It concerns with the structural elements of the novel and sociological approach.

H. Research Paper Organization

The research organization of “THE MISERLY OF EBENEZER SCROOGE REFLECTED AT CHARLES DICKENS’S *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* NOVEL (1843): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH” there are six chapters. The first, chapter I is introduction; it consists of background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefits of the study, it divided into theoretical benefits and practical benefits, research method, and paper organization. The second, chapter II is underlying theory; it consists of sociology of literature, major principle of sociology of literature that divided into three types, there are sociology of the writer, sociology of the society and sociology of the readers. Structural elements of the novel, it consists character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style, and theme. The third, chapter III is social background of Britain society in the nineteenth century which covers social aspects, economic aspects, political

aspects, cultural aspects, religious aspects, science and technology aspect and the life of Charles Dickens. The fourth, chapter IV is structural analysis that divided into two parts, structural elements of the novel and discussion. Structural elements of *A Christmas Carol* novel consists of character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style, theme. The fifth, chapter V is sociological analysis of *A Christmas Carol* that consists of social aspects, politic aspects, economic aspects, cultural aspects, religious aspects and discussion. The last chapter is chapter VI that consists conclusion and suggestion.