

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literature is an expression of the author's feelings and emotion. Basically, literature has close relationship with psychology, especially psychoanalytic study. Human being is a "whole person", who not only has physic and cognition, but more importantly has felling and emotion (Maslow in Feist, 1985:403). Every human have a different felling, emotion and attitudes in life, like as patience, honesty, hesitancy, etc.

Hesitancy is a feeling that describes distrust towards something that will not necessarily be the truth. Hesitancy also is a feeling that appears inside of the personality, when the feeling of being afraid is bigger than their brave. It is also possible that hesitation occurs because the problem is too hard to solve. It happens because they feel that something will threaten them. This act can change person's personality. People will experience a real doubt in certain parts of the case. Sometimes, in human life there are factor in the degree of doubt from psychology problems. Adler (1956:83) states that some people hesitate or vacillate when faced with difficult problems. Hesitancy is a topic of discussion story at main character in the novel. The title of story in the novel is *The Age of Innocence*.

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton is one of the famous novelist authors in American. She was born on January 24, 1862 in New York City, is perhaps a great city's greatest novelist. This novel is her twelfth novel. Novel by Edith Wharton's published in 1920. This novel released by D. Appleton and Company as a book in New York and in

London. In 1921, *The Age of Innocence* novel became the first novel written by a woman to win a Pulitzer. Her other novel are *House of Mirth* (1905), *Ethan Frome* (1911), *The Custom of the Country* (1913), etc. The story of *The Age of Innocence* is set in upper-class New York City in the 1870s. It is very interesting to be read because this novel reveals some real conflict in human life, such as psychology problems, sex deviation, divorce, and also discrimination between upper and lower class. *The Age of Innocence* describes the lives between Newland Archer, May Welland and Ellen Ollenska. It deals explicit with themes of sexuality, that is considered taboo for woman leave her husband and chooses to love someone else. She has written many literary works, such as one of novel is *The Age of Innocence*. (<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/jul/28/100-best-novels-age-of-innocence-edith-wharton-robert-mccrum>)

The Age of Innocence has become one of the popular novels Edith Wharton novel is far more than a romantic tale of a love. A tale of nineteenth-century New York high society in which a young lawyer falls in love with a woman separated from her husband, while he is engaged to the woman's cousin. Edith Wharton's literary works is rather conservative, so he often given surprise to the reader about life style and attitude. He is spirited to let loose the irregular attitude of the character in his novel. As novelist author, he tries how the people life through a complicated research. His work is as a mean to state the opinion, response and sympathy to the social, love affair condition in his time to the present readers.

The Age of Innocence novel is tells about relationship between Newland Archer, May Welland and May's cousin. This relationship, usually also called be triangle love. Newland is young lawyer and he is one of New York City's best families. The story began when he couldn't be more pleased with his recent engagement with May Welland, a beautiful woman. However, his world is thrown upside down by the sensational arrival

Countess Ellen Olenska, a May's cousin. Recently, returned to America after separating from her husband, a philandering Polish count, Countess Olenska shocks the staid New York aristocracy with her revealing clothes, carefree manners, and rumors of adultery.

Society in New York already avoid Ellen because her divorce with her husband. A divorce in New York culture is very contemptible. Newland and May feels to necessary to befriend Ellen. As May's fiancée, Newland comes to better know Ellen and her husband, he begins to appreciate her unconventional views on New York society. He begins to see her as the manufactured product of her class: polite, innocent, and utterly devoid of personal opinion and sense of self.

The Countess Olenska soon announces her intention of divorcing her husband. While Newland supports her desire for freedom, he feels compelled to act on behalf of the Mingott family and persuade Ellen to remain married. At a friend's cottage near Hudson, Newland realizes that he is in love with Ellen, despite with his engagement. He abruptly leaves the next day for Florida, where he is reunited with May and her parents, who are there on vacation. Suddenly, May becomes suspicious and asks Newland to accelerate their marriage. But, Newland reassures May that he is in love with her. Back in New York, Newland calls on Ellen. Then, Newland admits that he is in love with her. Just then, a telegram arrives from May, announcing that her parents have pushed forward the wedding date.

After their wedding and honeymoon in Europe, Newland and May settle down to married life in New York. Over time, Newland's memory of Ellen fades to a wistful image. But on vacation in Newport, he is reunited with her, and Ellen promises not to return to Europe as long as she and Newland do not act upon their love for each other. Back in New York, Archer learns that Count Olenska wants his wife to return to him and that

Ellen has refused. After the stroke of her grandmother, Ellen returns to New York to care for her. She and Newland agree to consummate their affair. May hold a farewell party to Ellen and she announces that she is pregnant to Newland, but she is announces her pregnant to Ellen first, two weeks earlier. Then, Ellen announces her intention to return to Europe. She is sure to lock and delete Newland and all about Newland's fate forever.

Twenty-six years pass. In that time, the Newland have had two grown children and May has died from pneumonia, nursing a third child to health. May left Dallas, her son and her daughter Mary. Dallas become to success man. Now Newland's son convinces him to travel to France. There, they arrange to visit the Countess Ellen Olenska at her Paris apartment. However, at the last minute Archer sends his son alone to visit her, content instead to live with his memories of the past. He walks back to his hotel without seeing Ellen. In Newland's memory, their love stays to forever young in their heart. He leaves a memory about perfect love, a sacrifice the one thing about love between Newland with her. Now, he knows about the loyalty.

There are some reasons why the researcher is interested in analyzing and studying this novel. The first reason is that an interesting in the story and Newland Archer's personality is the mirror of human being. He has the feeling of doubt feeling and confusion. The story tells about centers on an upper-class couple's impending marriage, and the introduction of a woman plagued by scandal whose presence threatens their happiness. The novel also has great possibility to know the phenomenon of psychological problems in the main character. The second is one of literary review that tells story, characteristics, sequence of events of human life. The third is a description of the real life with all kinds of conflicts. Moreover, this novel has a many values of life and there are a few moral messages conveyed in this story. The researcher wants to explore hesitancy attitude

owned by on the main character's personality that shows in *The Age of Innocence* novel, written by Edith Wharton's.

The researcher analyzes the problem of Newland Archer at Edith Wharton's novel, *The Age of Innocence* by using theory of Psychoanalytic approach. The researcher proposes a psychoanalytic approach to study about the major characters hesitancy using Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory and entitles this research paper: **"Hesitancy In Edith Wharton's *The Age Of Innocence Novel (1920): A Psychoanalytic Approach*"**

B. Literature Review

Firstly, there is a literature review concerning with *The Age of Innocence* (1920) written by Bina Widyawati (English Education Study Program Faculty Of Teacher Training And Education Ahmad Dahlan University Yogyakarta: 2007), The researcher uses a Psychological Study to analyze the data and uses *The Age of Innocence* novel as the object. She research about the love and duty. The writer discusses about The Values of Love and Duty of Newland Archer's personalities with using Psychological Approach. The characteristics of Newland Archer, has some values and duties in events in his life.

From the result of this research, the writer concludes that influence of psychology as reflected in the main character of *The Age of Innocence* are internal and external factors. The internal factors belong to major and minor character. The external factors that influence the main character of *The Age of Innocence* are the personality and behavior psychologically. The major problem is how the values of love and duty is reflected in *The Age of Innocence* novels.

The writer gives objective of the study; it is to analyze the novel based on its structural element and to analyze the novel based on the Psychoanalytic Approach. This study is a 6 descriptive qualitative study

using the novel of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. The major character in novel is as the object of analysis of the study. There are two kinds of data sources used in this analysis, namely primary and secondary data source. The primary data sources are *The Age of Innocence* novel and the secondary data sources are some books, journals, internet, and articles related to the subject. The technique of data collection reading the novel script; determining the character that will be analyzed; taking notes of important thing both of primary and secondary data sources; classifying and determining the relevant data and; taking notes the material and other sources related the novel and the analysis. The researcher employs descriptive qualitative analysis. The writer also uses the psychological study especially theory of Sigmund Freud and Fromm. Freud's theory is used to describe the influence of psychology in the main character in the Age of Innocence.

Meanwhile, Fromm's theory is used to find out the value of love and duty whether internal and external factors. The writer gives conclusions of the study. Firstly, there is a values love, duty in events in his life between a work of literature and psychological phenomena. Secondly, the general conclusion is human psychology.

The second research paper is study conducted by Sarah Emmanuella English Department Faculty of Letters Maranatha Christian University Bandung (2014) entitled Analysis of Social Conflicts In Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* novels. The writer was research about social conflict between the main characters and society. Then, social conflicts often occur in the novel. This research is journal, not research paper. The writer uses qualitative research. The data of study are image and text taken from two data sources. The primary source is *The Age of Innocence* novel itself directed by Edith Wharton, released D. Appleton and Company as a book in New York and in London, 1921. While the secondary

data sources are from other materials taken from book, internet and related to the study.

The third research paper is study conducted by Sarah Kozloff (Vassar College: 2001) in this research paper entitled “Complicity In Edith Wharton’s *The Age Of Innocence* Novel”. The writer was research about complicity of main character in the novel. The writer discusses about the dramatic impact of the novel stems from the pack that the reader in complicity with Newland Archer, underestimates May in Edith Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence* novel. This research is journal, not research paper. The writer uses qualitative research. The data of study are image and text taken from two data sources. The primary source is *The Age of Innocence* novel itself directed by Edith Wharton, released D. Appleton and Company as a book in New York and in London, 1921. While the secondary data sources are from other materials taken from book, internet, and related to the study.

The fourth research paper is study conducted by Mustika Salamah (UNNES: 2010) in this research paper entitled “The Influence of Social Norms on Individual Manners in The End of 19th Century Entitled The Age of Innocence In Edith Wharton’s Novel. The theory uses A Sociological Approach”. The writer was research about influence of social norms on individual in the end of 19th century. The writer uses qualitative research. The data of study are image and text taken from two data sources. The primary source is *The Age of Innocence* novel itself directed by Edith Wharton, released D. Appleton and Company as a book in New York and in London, 1921. While the secondary data sources are from other materials taken from book, internet, and related to the study.

The fifth research paper is study conducted by Nir Evron (Stanford University) in this research paper entitled “Realism, Irony And Morality In Edith Wharton’s *The Age Of Innocence*”. The writer was research about realism, irony and morality of main character in the novel. The researcher

further claim represents Edith Wharton's solution to the central impasse facing the realist tradition in the post-Nietzschean, post-WWI intellectual climate. Her last major artistic achievement, the novel also stands as her most self-conscious and ironic work. This research is also journal, not research paper. The writer uses qualitative research. The data of study are image and text taken from two data sources. The primary source is *The Age of Innocence* novel itself directed by Edith Wharton, released D. Appleton and Company as a book in New York and in London, 1921. While the secondary data sources are from other materials taken from book, internet, and related to the study.

The sixth research paper is study conducted by Jennifer Bussey (Literature Resource Center, Gale: 2001). The research paper entitled "Critical Essay on *The Age of Innocence*". The writer was research about critical of a story in the novel. Newland Archer is ineffectual in the novel. He is a typical young man who is frustrated and angst-ridden and wonders if there might be more to life than what he sees.

The seventh research paper is study conducted by Michael Nowlin (Cambridge University Press: 2004) in this research paper entitled "Edith Wharton's Higher Provincialism: French Ways for Americans and the Ends of *The Age of Innocence*". The writer was having her publishers send him her most recent book, *French Ways and Their Meaning* (1919), a collection of essays written in large part to instruct her compatriots in the ways of an exemplary civilization.

The eighth research paper is study conducted by Robert L McDonald (Virginia Military Institute, Virginia: 1998). The research paper entitled "The End of *The Age of Innocence*: Edith Wharton and the First World War". The writer was research about the end of *The Age of Innocence* novel. The end of *The Age of Innocence* is the first extended study of Wharton's war years from the earliest intimations of war in 1914 through the 1918.

The ninth research paper is study conducted by Kathy Miller Hadley (Gale reserach, Literature Resource Center : 1994). The research paper entitled “Ironic Structure and Untold Stories in *The Age of Innocence*”. The writer was research about discusses the significance of the structure perspective. The writer to analyze the ironic structure, untold stories and uses *The Age of Innocence* novel as the object.

The tenth research paper is study conducted by Dewi Yosina Batuwael (Universitas Kristen Maranatha: 2005) in this research paper entitled "Portrayal of the Contradictory Women Characters in Edith Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence*". The writer was research paper about sociological extrinsic approach. This research is also journal, not research paper. The writer uses qualitative research.

The differences between research above and this research are: the issues of each research above and this research. The issue of this research is hesitancy of Newland Archer, the issues of research above are: First is The Values of Love and Duty, The second is Social Conflicts, The third is Complicity, The fourth is Social Norms On Individual Manners in the End of 19th Century, The fifth is Realism, Irony And Morality, The sixth is Critical Essay on *The Age of Innocence*, The seventh is Higher Provincialism: French Ways for Americans and the Ends of The Age of Innocence, The eighth is The End of *The Age of Innocence*: Edith Wharton and the First World War, The ninth is Ironic Structure and Untold Stories, and the last is Portrayal of the Contradictory Women Characters . The approaches of researches above are Psychological Approach and Sociological Approach, and this research is Psychoanalytic Approach. The similarity is the object of the research that is *The Age of Innocence* novel.

C. Problem Statement

Based on the previous background of study, the writer aims at analyzing a single problem statement. The problem of the research is “How is

Hesitancy of Newland Archer Reflected in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* Novel (1920)?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses on the research in analyzing a Hesitancy of Newland Archer in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* Novel (1920) by using a Psychoanalytic approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

Conducting the reseach, the writer formulates the objectives of the study, as follows:

1. To describe *The Age of Innocence* novel based on structural elements of novel.
2. To analyze Hesitancy of Newland Archer in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* Novel (1920) based on Psychoanalytic approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The researcher expecting a lot that the research which investigates the issue Hesitancy of Newland Archer in *The Age of Innocence* novel many benefits. The benefits of this study will be differentiate into two benefits:

1. Theoretical Benefits

The result of this study is expected to be able to give information and contribution of knowledge to the academic reference. It can be also as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on *The Age of Innocence* (1920) novel.

2. Pratical Benefits

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the writer in many things and for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or for other universities where have the same interest in literary study on the literature from a Psychoanalytic Approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher used a qualitative research. It is a library research while data sources need literary data. This kind of research has purpose to analyze literature using psychoanalytic approach. There are some steps to conduct the research. They are (1) determining the type of the study (2) determining the object of the study (3) determining data and data source (4) determining technique of data collection, and (5) determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is Hesitancy of Newland Archer in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* (1920) novel. It is analyzed by using a Psychoanalytic approach.

3. Type of the Data and Data Source

There are two data sources which are needed to conduct this research. They are primary data sources and secondary data sources.

a. Primary Data Sources

The source of primary data is Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* (1920) novel.

b. The researcher takes the secondary data sources are from many sources such as dictionary, some books which support the research, references, journals, biography of the author, the synopsis of the novel, the approach in relation to the problems and material related to the research whether they are taken from the books or internet.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The technique of collecting data are reading novel and note taking, the steps are as follows:

- a. Reading the original novel *The Age of Innocence* several times.
- b. Determining the characters of novel.
- c. Taking notes of important things for both of primary and secondary data source.

d. Classifying data by determining the relevant data.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. There are two techniques of analyzing data. The first is analyzing data based on its structural elements of the novel in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* (1920). Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing data based on psychoanalytic theory. Focus will be paid on the hesitancy of Newland Archer.

H. Paper Organization

This research paper organization of Hesitancy in Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence* (1920) novel is as follows:

Chapter I is introduction consisting of background of the study, previous study, limitation of the study, problem statements, objective of the study, benefit of the study, underlying theory, research method, and paper organization. Chapter II is the underlying theory that contains the notion of Psychoanalytic theory, the major principle of Psychoanalytic theory and structural elements of the novel, which is closely related to the topic discussed. Chapter III covers the structural elements of the novel that includes characters and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style and theme. Chapter IV is Psychoanalytic toward the novel. Chapter V consists of conclusion and suggestion of the study.