

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the Study**

The view of people about the future influences the act of people, so there is a relation between awareness with the act of people. Everyone has plan for their future, so they do what they want in the future. Everyone can make their future to become their orientation because the future is mystery. No one can know what happen in the future but it can be predicted by the present situation.

Future is the time after the presents or the events that will happen for a period of time that you can predict based on the present circumstances ([www.oxforddictionaries.com](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com)). Some people who are optimistic with the future still hope that everything is going to be better in the future. But the others become pessimistic with their future and regard that the badness will come. The misappropriation of technology, chemical, exploitation of resource and many more, which is caused by certain attitude and moral of human can influence the life of human; the damage of gene and the information which results disablement, the pollution toward the environment. Some pessimists predict these if it is true to happen.

Many academicians discuss the future such as politics, economics, biology, chemical, sociology, engineering, education etc. They predict their own areas in the future, discuss what happen in the future, what they can do in the future, and try to find out what solution for their problem in the future and many more. Veronica Roth is one of the pessimists in viewing the future. Carver states that pessimist is someone who will expect bad outcomes because they experience negative feelings, despair, anxiety, sadness (Scheier, et all, 1994). Her ideas on her novels become the mirror of Veronica Roth's thought that some badness will come in the future.

Veronica Roth was born in New York on August 19<sup>th</sup> 1988, she is the youngest of three children. She was raised primarily in Barrington, Illinois after her parents divorced when she was five. After graduated from Barrington High School, she enrolled in Carleton College in Minnesota. One year at Carleton, then, she transferred to Northwestern University in Illinois and graduated with a degree in creative writing.

Veronica begins popular with his trilogy novel that is the first novel is *Divergent* (*published on 2011*), followed *Insurgent* (*published on 2012*), and the last is *Allegiant* (*published on 2013*). These novels were sold by Veronica Roth to Summit Entertainment to be adapted become a film. *Divergent*'s Film was released in March 2014, *Insurgent*'s Film was released in March 2015 and the Last, *Allegiant*'s Film will be adapted into 2 part (Allegiant part 1 and Allegiant part 2), first will be released on 2016 and second on 2017. In late 2013 Roth announced that she will publish a collection of four short stories from the point of view of Tobias Eaton, a major character in *Divergent* with the title "*Four: A Divergent Story Collection*".

The first novel of *Divergent Trilogy* of Veronica Roth entitled *Divergent* tells about Beatrice Prior lives in future version of Chicago which is divided into five distinct factions. Each faction has different each virtue: Dauntless is for brave people, Erudite loves knowledge and for smart people, Abnegation is pro-self-sacrifice, Amity hearts friendship and peace, and Candor is for people who always tell the truth. Beatrice grew up in Abnegation family. But, when she turned 16, she decided to join Dauntless partly whereas her test result showed that she was Divergent, it means that she did not really fit in with any one faction. She still had to compete to get into the faction while she was hiding that she was a Divergent. Along the way, Beatrice changed her nickname became "Tris". There were new friends like Al, Will, and Christina, new enemies like Peter and his evil minions and new teachers, like the scary Eric and Four. Then, Tris figured out that the Erudite faction wanted to overthrow the Abnegation government and they were going to do so by mind-controlling the Dauntless army. But, Tris did not get brainwashed because she was Divergent cannot be brainwashed, so she destroyed the villain's plan and rescued everyone but her mom and dad was died while helping her.

The second novel entitled *Insurgent* tells about Tris's effort to stop a nasty simulation. First, Tris and her friends hid in Amity compound for several days because they became fugitives against Erudite to save Abnegation before. In the Amitycompound, there was a little trouble between Tris and her friend Peter, as punishment she was injected with peace serum. After that, Erudite arrived with a band of Dauntless traitors. They were looking for Tris and company and a huge fight breaks out. Tris and her buds escaped the Amity compound and found themselves on a midnight train to factionless-ville. At the factionless safe house, Tris found out that Tobias's mom, Evelyn, was still alive and has a plan of her own to take over the city.

She reunited with her Dauntless friends Uriah, Marlene and Lynn who is living at the Candor compound. Then, she went to Candor headquarters to find out what is going on there. At Candor, all of secret's Tris revealed because she was injected with the truth serum and forced to confess everything like the fact that she killed Will. Because many victims made by Erudite to find Tris. Finally, Tris turned herself to Jeanine. Jeanine wanted to analyze her brain that was different with divergent and decide to execute her. With the help of Peter, Tobias saved Tris from execution. They went to Tobias's old house in the Abnegation sector and Evelyn revealed her plan to eradicate the Erudite. The Dauntless and Factionless assaulted on Erudite succeeds. They all went back and celebrated and Evelyn revealed her true plan: to eliminate all the faction. Tobias showed up with Marcuss and Johanna. They've got a video they recovered after hacking into the computer system. In the video, a woman who called herself Edith Prior said that the outside world was in danger and everyone in the city was placed there as some sort of experiment to save humanity.

The third novel entitled *Allegiant* tells about Tris lied her way out of jail, she was approached by a group called the Allegiant, that have goal, was to get out of the city. This plan was looking better because Evelyn, Tobias's mom, was enacting stringent rules to keep the citizens of the city under her control. Tobias helped Tris's brother, Caleb, out of jail. Assisted by Johanna Reyes, who, along with Cara, was a leader of the Allegiant, they took a train to some trucks and headed outside the fence. The group met a patrol consisting of newcomer Zoe and Tobias's presumed dead Dauntless trainer Amar. They took everyone to the Bureau of Genetic Welfare. Along the way, they were told that their city was called Chicago (making them officially the last people to know this), and Tris was given an old photo of her mother and some other dude. David (the head of the Bureau) explained that Chicago is a great social experiment meant to correct genetic damage caused by government experiments intended to rid people of unwanted characteristics like; violence, greed, cowardice, dishonesty, and low intelligence. People whose genes have healed are known as "Divergent." People whose genes have not healed are given the name "genetically damaged." After being tested by Matthew the lab tech, Tobias found out he was not Divergent and got put into the "genetically damaged" camp. Matthew's assistant, Nita, takes Tobias into the fringes to see how people live around here. Nita wanted to put a stop to this whole genetically damaged nonsense, being a GD herself. Meanwhile, Tris went through her mother's old journal, which was given to her by Zoe, this

revealed that Tris's mom volunteered to go into the city to try and stop all the violence that was happening there. Tobias eventually brought Tris to meet Nita, who said she wanted to steal some memory serum to keep David and the Bureau from using it to reset the memories of everyone in Chicago. Tris did not believe her, and she refused to help Tobias. But Tobias decided to go against Tris and with Nita. This turned out to be a bad decision, because it turned out that Nita wants to kill everyone. Tris was determined not to let Nita get her hands on the death serum (having learned from Matthew that that's what her plan is), so she ended up grabbing David and using him as a human shield so that she could escape before he can tell Nita the code for the death serum. Nita and Tobias were arrested as traitors. Tobias went free, on account of him being genetically damaged, but Nita did not, even though she was genetically damaged, too. When Tris found out that the Bureau plans to just wipe the memories of everyone in Chicago, Tobias volunteered to go into the city and inoculated certain friends and family members, like Uriah's and Christina's families. Meanwhile, Tris decided it would be a good idea to let out the memory serum on everyone in the Bureau first. The problem: whoever enters the room housing the memory serum will inhale death serum and die. Caleb was nominated because everyone hates him, anyway. Tris and Tobias split up, then Tobias headed into the city. Tobias convinced Evelyn to put an end to her power hunger and gave up control of the city. Back at the Bureau, Tris decided to sacrifice herself instead of Caleb, because he was doing it to absolve himself of guilt (wrong reason) and she was killing herself in the name of love (right reason). Tris miraculously survived the death serum and opposite-of-miraculously died when David shot her as she unleashes the memory serum. So, the main character is dead, and the memory of everyone in the Bureau was wiped.

The first reason is *Divergent Trilogy* has great character and characterization. Tris as main character who has complete name Beatrice Prior, in this novel is very powerful and brave woman. She is brave to choose the other faction (Dauntless) in her life whereas the faction is very different with her life in Abnegation. Although in Dauntless is very horrible and very difficult situation to be overstepped but Tris never gives up and can go through all of these.

The second reason is the setting of this novel. The novel has been made in 2011-2013, but the setting looked like the future condition. It is so interesting about the setting, environment, costumes, equipments is very closely like the future condition. It is very unique with the ideas of Veronica Roth about it.

The third reason is the researcher is interested with the plot of this novel because it shows step by step how Tris can go through all of the problems that she encounters. This novel shows the ways of Tris to solve her problems in encountering her problems.

Based on the data above, the researcher analyzes the *Divergent Trilogy* novel using sociological approach to dig up Veronica Roth's perspective about pessimistic future in these novels entitled **Pessimistic Future in Veronica Roth's Divergent Trilogy novel (2011-2013): A Sociological Approach**. To achieve the purpose of the study, the writer analyzes the novel on its nature of literary, nature of author and nature of society.

## **B. Problem Statement**

Based on the title and the background of the study, the researcher took the problem statement was "How is Pessimistic Future reflected in Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy*?"

This problem statement was breakdown into the following research questions:

1. What are the characteristics of Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering in Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy*?
2. How is Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering depicted Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy*?
3. Why did Veronica Roth give concern in futuristic issues?

## **C. Limitation of the Study**

In this study, the researcher would focus on the analysis of Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering in *Divergent Trilogy* Novel based on Sociological Approach.

## **D. Objective of the Study**

1. To identify the characteristics of Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering in Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy*.
2. To depict how Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering in Veronica Roth's *Divergent Trilogy*.
3. To reveal why Veronica Roth give concern in futuristic issues.

## **E. Benefit of the Study**

The benefits of this study are as follows:

## 1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of this study is expected to be able to give contribution to the body of knowledge, particularly studies on *Divergent Trilogy* novel by using A Sociological Approach. It can be also as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct further research and particularly the literary studies on this *Divergent Trilogy* novel.

## 2. Practical Benefit

In this research, the writer wants to give some contributions to the development of literary study. In addition, it would help researchers who want to examine *Divergent Trilogy*. 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 has the same interest in literary study on the literature from a sociological approach.

## F. Research Paper Organization

The research paper organization of “Pessimistic of Future in Veronica Roth’s *Divergent Trilogy* (2011-2013): A Sociological Approach” is as follows: Chapter I is Introduction, it consists of background of the study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefits of the study, and paper organization. Chapter II is Literature Review, it consists of Underlying theory (Notion of the Future, Nature of the Future, Types of the Future, Efforts of Changing the Condition, Sociology of Literature, Perspective of Sociology of Literature) and Previous Study. Chapter III is Research Method, it consists of Type of the Research, Object of the Research, Types of the Data and the Data Source, Technique of the Data Collection, Technique of the Data Analysis. Chapter IV is Sociological Analysis of *Divergent Trilogy* novel based on problem statement. Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion.