

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

According to Thomas Alva Edison, many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." This motivation is to help people who might feel like giving up on a dream or a goal. Thomas Alva Edison explains it best. People decrease persistence and motivation, and it makes give up too easily, just when they may be at the lip of success. Based on oxford dictionary, persistence is the fact of continuing in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Persistence is a human way to shape their self of something that they could survive. Persistence will ultimately provide its own motivation. When someone has a great purpose in his life, they will seek to achieve these goals by having a great motivation as well. But it is not only motivation that will produce results, but also persistence of action that will accumulate results. Persistence also reflected in the main character of *The Da Vinci Code* novel.

The novel entitled *The Da Vinci Code* (2003) is written by Dan Brown. Dan Brown was born on June, 1964. The son of a mathematics teacher and a church organist, Brown was raised on a prep school campus where he developed a fascination with the paradoxical interplay between science and religion. These themes eventually formed the backdrop for his books. He is a graduate of Amherst College and Phillips Exeter Academy, where he later returned to teach English before focusing his attention full time to writing.

According to his official website, he is an author of bestselling novels, including *The Da Vinci Code*, which has become one of the bestselling novels of all times. *The Da Vinci Code* is a 2003 mystery-detective novel by Dan Brown. The novel tells the investigation started by symbolist Robert Langdon and his partner Sophie Neveu, around the murder of a Museum Louvre's curator. His murder is extremely distressing because many founded secret messages that are full of the riddles at his body and on the floor around the corpse. When Langdon analyzed the secrets more detail, Langdon considered that the curator try to be like a sketch of Leonardo Da Vinci before his death.

The death of Saunier is known by the police. Police contacted Robert Langdon to involve in those cases. When BezuFache, the main investigator founded secret message surrounding Saunier has construction with Langdon. The message is a code. Sophie Neveu, French police cryptologist who was also a granddaughter of Saunier believes that secret messages were addressed for her and Langdon. But she believes that Langdon is not the suspect from that murder. As a result, Sophie and Langdon accused as the offender of the murder by the police.

They escape from the police to the museum to find the message Saunier's death. They uncover the first death message that means painting of Da Vinci Code i.e. Mona Lisa successfully, behind that painting there is a riddle that deliver them to the next message. The next message is the others painting of Da Vinci Code i.e. painting of Madonna of the Rock. After they found the code hidden by Saunier behind the painting of Da Vinci Code, the key brings them to the key stone that is a handmade wood box that only can

open with solving the confusing riddles. The key stone proves that Sauniere is the leader from Priory of Sion, a gathering of the old of legendary brotherhood. The gathering carries out the mission of securing the Holy Grail.

After finding that message, Langdon and Sophie decided to ask protection to one of Langdon's friend, a historian from Oxford named Sir Leigh Teabing. Then with instruction from The Last Supper painting by Da Vinci, Sir Leigh explained that Holy Grail is the allegory from Mary Magdalene. Priory of Sion kept the document that proves that Mary Magdalene was the wife of Jesus and that woman gave birth to the child Jesus. In that hiding place they were attacked by an Opus Dei monk named Silas who following orders from an unidentified leader termed as "teacher". Then they flew to the United Kingdom. In the flight they attempt to solve the riddles, but they are just got smaller cryptex. On the advice of Teabing, they went to the Templar Church.

Langdon and Sophie correctly solved the riddle successfully which eventually led them to the grave of Newton in Westminster Abbey. In here they are taken by Teabing aka "teacher" who mysterious. But both successful saved by Fache and Teabing is arrested. They then follow the instructions to get to Roselynn in Scotland. Sophie was surprised to find her grandmother and her brother lived there, after having earlier believed that they died from the accident. From both Sophie knows that herself belonging in Jesus generation. Langdon leaves after he promises wasting romantic holiday with Sophie. In Paris, Langdon got the idea, and then following the riddle correctly, he found that the grace of Magdalene is in the middle of Louvre.

The Da Vinci Code novel is an interesting novel. There are some reasons why the writer is interested to study this novel. The first, the story is interesting because it has mysterious stories, especially about the code in the story given by the author. The second one is the main character who has persevering character in solving the code in the novel. Sophie is very intelligence to solve the codes and the instructions from her grandfather. She analyzes them with Langdon who trusts Sauniere to help analyzing the symbolism, the code riddles and a row of letters on a message from Sauniere. Setting of the novel is the third reason. The reader does not feel bored to read the novel because the author of the novel tells the story not in one place but also a lot of places. The last reason is the writer is interested with Langdon and Sophie's adventure in solving the code.

Based on the background above, the researcher proposes to conduct a research entitled **“Persistence Reflected in Dan Brown’s *The Da Vinci Code* Novel (2003): A Psychoanalytic Approach.”**

B. Problem Formulation

1. Problem Statement

The problem statements of this study are as follows:

- a. How is the personality of main character from psychoanalytic perspective?
- b. How is the persistence reflected in *The Da Vinci Code* novel?

2. Limitation of the Study

In the research, the research will focus on main character's personality, which appears using psychoanalytic approach.

C. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To analyze how the personality of main character from psychoanalytic perspective.
2. To analyze how the persistence reflected in *The Da Vinci Code* novel.

D. Benefit of the Study

The study is expected to give benefits as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

To give a new benefaction to the other literary research, especially for those who study popular novel.

2. Practical Benefit

To give better understanding, additional knowledge, and give perception to literary research especially dealing with the novel.

E. Research Paper Organization

To make this study organized, understandable, and clear, this research paper organization of “Persistence Reflected in Dan Brown’s *The Da Vinci Code* novel (2003): A Psychoanalytic Approach” is as follows:

Chapter I is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, problem formulation that consist problem statement and limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization.

Chapter II consists of literature review consisting of underlying theory which elaborates the notion of a psychological approach, major principle of personality, notion of persistence, and previous study.

Chapter III is research method, which consists of type of the study, type of data, data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV covers with analysis the problem major character using psychoanalytic approach.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.