

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background

According to Wellek and Warren (1977, p 94) literature reserve about life and life, in most part, is part of the real society. Literary works are not only valued as works of art that contains the values of imagination and emotion wrapped up in appreciation of the author. As a creative literary work which is used as an intellectual consumption in addition to emotional consumption (Spring, 1990: 1).

Literature can be divided into two, namely literary writing and oral (oral) literature. Writing literature can be in the form of short stories, novels and poetry. While oral literature can be either in the form of a play or drama. The novel is a piece of process fiction of a reasonable length. Novel has various types, namely fiction and non-fiction. Each has a genre in the form of romance, horror, science, social class, literary, mystery, fantasy, historical, young adult, new age and picture book.

Underground is a novel by Ika Natassa which is the first book she wrote at the age of nineteen years and was published in 2010 ago. She is Indonesian-born who lived in America for a long time released her youth story into a foreign-written literary work, namely English. Underground is the largest music television station in the United States, where young entertainers and VJs, the life icon of the metropolis. Under the flash of the flash, everything looks perfect. Liv has just been named one of the 50 Most Beautiful People in the World. Stefan, the most eligible bachelor in New York, successfully developed a celebrity online promotion company. Gavin managed to bring the band to the major label. Claire contested MTV and VH1. Heather and Jared enjoy every second love their location. Shareef and Aaliyah can replace Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie poses in W magazine

as a perfect American family. But when the flashlight goes out and the red carpet has been rolled, they have to face the hard truth. Soulmate that doesn't come, the issue of virginity among celebrities that are considered old-fashioned, the gossip that meets tabloids, overdose, plastic surgery, and out-of-wedlock pregnancies are only some of the pebbles they have to go through.

This novel tells about the life of a teenager who lives in the United States who likes the world of music. This novel tells of modern life with an all-round lifestyle, stories of complex celebrities and definitions of true friendship and love. This novel tells the story of the video jockey (VJ) with a glamorous and versatile lifestyle. To get the latest info about music and celebrities, these VJs often go between cities and even countries to carry out their duties, but who would have thought if fellow VJs had fallen in love. Starting from friendship which ends up being a lover. However, challenges are not easy for vj and other teenagers in a developed country to be able to protect themselves from drugs, plastic surgery and premarital sex. Even though they are preoccupied with music coverage and high lifestyles, they still excel in their respective fields and keep trying to protect themselves from bad relationships.

However, behind the sparkling world of celebrities, America has a poverty rate of 13.5 percent. Even some of them do not have insurance for the poor. Submission of insurance is considered to be that poverty results from laziness, immorality and irresponsibility. Even poverty is also caused by social structures that cause differences in education, employment and income for low groups. This is one of the structural causes of poverty and inequality. According to Melvina Young, there are several factors that cause poverty, namely limited quality education and high-paying jobs, illness, hunger and some unwanted cases. Even many children in the United States born in poverty will

remain poor. Because they don't get quality education, lack of love and are surrounded by violence and crime.

Abundance is the permeating joy that abounds from having experienced all those things, which you were once seeking to be provided for by someone or something else, within yourself: loving and being affectionate with yourself; acknowledging, understanding, accepting, and validating yourself; having a nurturing relationship with yourself; exciting and having adventures with yourself; being stable with yourself; etc. According to Adam Smith (1976) the most important abundance is not at the individual but at the social level, since Smith's purpose is to confute the mercantilists' beliefs about the wealth of nations. According to this novel, abundance is the prominent part and important to be of concern. Because life of a singer or star never escape from wealth and abundance.

This is the attention of the writer to discuss it more deeply. The reason the writer uses Ikka Natassa's first novel because this is the first novel he wrote when he was very young, and the development and lifestyle of all the challenges they faced. The second is the underground novel is a relatively new novel, published in 2010 with stories that make the generation that are now growing up remember the TV shows that have been popular in his day. Third, this novel uses familiar sentence sentences so that readers easily understand the contents of the novel, especially those who do not master many vocabulary. Even though *Underground* is a relatively young novel but has various assessments from readers, so the writer is interested in analyzing new novels.

B. Problem Statement

1. How does the author describe the abundance reflected in the *Underground*?
2. What is the influence of the abundance on upper class in the *Underground*?

C. Objectives

1. To find out the abundance reflected in *Underground* (2010)
2. To analyze the effect of social class in *Underground* (2010).

D. Benefits

Through this analysis, the author hopes may be useful:

1. Theoretical Benefits

The results of this study can be a reference and contribution to the reference literature. This can also be a reference for writers who will analyze *Underground*.

2. Practical Benefits

The author wishes that this study can take positive value for the readers and can be a reference for other writers in compiling research related to the Marxist approach.