

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

In this era many people know about cancer. Cancer to be the one chronic disease that have high increase. According World Health Organization (WHO) cancer is one of the term describing a person with the rise of abnormal cells in the body when the number of cells too much it will be spread to all the part of human body. Cancer is one of the dead diseases that affect people of various ages and genders. One of the biggest cancer sufferers is children. Cancer attacks children's cancer by sharing types and stages. Although still young, the cancer can occur until the advanced stage. Parents of cancer survivors can experience a tendency towards social dysfunction lose their motivation and lack economically because of the impact of their children suffering from cancer. Parents of cancer survivors need social support.

Morange (2012: 609) states that cancer is a symptom of tumor development with a process that is comparable to the evolution of an organism. This is the result of mutation changes, cellular formation characterized by the presence or absence of these mutations and the price requirements between these clones. The theory of cancer speciation belongs to this cancer memory model.

Cancer has been known since humans first carried out their activities. The emergence of cancer evolution associated with recent technological developments allows the rapid sequence of cancer to grow, and with the emergence of single cells and deep sequences, which allows quantitative measurements of cell fractions that store specific mutations in a tumor (Morange, 2012: 609).

John Michael Green or John Green is popular recently in the work of American adult fiction. He also a video blogger who has made many online education-based videos. John Green was born on August 24, 1977. He received early education from the Lake Highland Preparatory School and Indian Springs School. His school experience is similar to other social outcasts bullied by arrogant people. He earned a double graduation degree in English and Religious Studies from Kenyon

College. John Green is a recent popular name in the American young adult fiction. He is also an avid video blogger who has published numerous educational videos online. *The Fault in Our Stars* is considered to be his outstanding by far along with other notables. He worked as a student chaplain after graduation in a children's hospital. His initial aim was to become an Episcopal priest. However, the time he spent among children with terminal-illness stimulated him to become a writer. Afterwards, he worked as a publishing assistant for *Booklist*, a book review journal. Green wrote numerous reviews on literary fictions mostly concerning conjoined twins or religion of Islam.

The Fault In Our Stars is the sixth novel written by John Green published in 2012. The story of this novel is about people who had diagnosed cancer by having chronic cancer. Cancer make patient must be struggle of their life. In novel The Fault In Our Stars by John Green, there are a lot of feelings experience by Hazel Graze as main character in story. Hazel Grace become a person who desperate when cancer was in her body. She back to turn out to be confident again after meeting with a man has name Augustus Waters in Support Club. Cancer in this novel related to real life with a people who have cancer. Seven from ten people who suffering from the cancer have spirit and must struggle to keep their life to get more longer life. And a lot of people success to kill the cancer cell with their struggle.

The Fault in Our Stars received a lot of critical praise. Critics mostly praise this book because of its strong character, language, theme, and new perspective on cancer and romance. The combination of melancholy, sweet, philosophical and funny still runs tragic realism. John Green, they only make this novel a story that can be enjoyed alive and more moving. Elegantly designed books may be the best. This novel tells the love story of Augustus and Hazel is a real picture. John Green is among those who are ambitious in doing a job for a work.

Some famous writers have given their own positive reviews for this John Green novel. Jodi Picoult, author of *My Sister's Keeper*, calls *The Fault in Our Stars* a portrait of a young man who learned to live on one leg in a cemetery and the novel was filled with bursts of humor and tragedy. Next to the author of the best-selling book *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak described this novel as a life and death novel. E.

Lockhart, author of *The Boyfriend List* said that this noel can make me laugh and gasp at the beauty of the sentence or twist of a story.

The story takes place in Indianapolis, Indiana where a sixteen-year-old girl named Hazel Grace Lancaster developed cancer but did not want to attend a support group for cancer patients. At the behest of his mother, he was forced to go to the support group. Because of cancer, Hazel uses a portable oxygen tube to breathe. In one of the support group meetings, he fell in love with a young man named Augustus Waters. He was there to support his friend Isaac. Isaac had a tumor in one of his eyes that had to be operated on, which made him blind.

Hazel explains the greatness of *An Imperial Affliction*: This is a novel about a girl named Anna who has cancer, and that's the only way she understands life with cancer that matches her experience. He described how the novel ended in the middle of a sentence with great annoyance, imagining a cover story about the fate of this novel character. He speculates about the mysterious author of this novel, Peter Van Houten, who fled to Amsterdam after the novel was published and has not been heard since.

One night Augustus had problems with his cancer infection, he called Hazel and asked him to come to him. Eventually Augustus was taken to the hospital and was in ICU while Hazel never stopped accompany him. After a few days he was in ICU Augustus allowed to go home but with a fairly weak state. Hazel invited Augustus for picnic trips where they had visited before. After getting out of the hospital Augustus had his friend Issac and his girlfriend Hazel to do his death ceremony simulation because he wanted to see the speech of the death of his closest people. Eventually Augustus died 8 days after a simulated speech at his death ceremony.

Augustus managed to track down the whereabouts of Van Houten's assistant, Lidewij, and through Lidewij, Augustus managed to start an e-mail with Van Houten who likes to be alone. He told the contents of Van Houten's email to Hazel, and Hazel made a list of questions to send to Van Houten, hoping to clear up the ambiguous conclusions of the novel. Hazel is the most concerned with Anna's mother's fate. He thinks that if Anna's mother survives with the death of her daughter, then her own

parents will be fine after Hazel dies. Van Houten finally replied, saying he can only answer Hazel's question personally. He invited him to stop by if he was in Amsterdam. Hazel, his mother Hazel and Augustus went to Amsterdam for a few days to meet Petter Van Houten. At the end of the trip in Amsterdam, Augustus reveals to Hazel that his cancer has returned and is much worse than before.

From Hazel Grace as the main character in this novel can give us an example of how cancer patients struggle to deal with cancer in their lives. And besides that what we can learn from this novel is about the importance of a struggle for life, especially for cancer sufferers. In *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green, there are a lot of the feelings experience by Hazel Grace. Hazel Grace feel so suffering about this, but when she is falling in love with Augustus Waters, She become struggle to face cancer with her spirit. Cancer in this book related to real life especially to the people who have a cancer. Seven from ten people who are suffering from cancer have a spirit and struggle to keep his/her live getting longer. And most of the people are succeeded killed the cancer cells with their struggle. From the presence of Hazel Grace as the main character, this novel also give us examples how to be struggle in facing cancer in our life. What we can study from this novel is to be struggle is important for every people especially on his/her suffering.

Based on the illustration above, the researcher analyze the novel by using sociological approach with title **CANCER REFLECTED IN JHON GREEN'S NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012) : A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

## **B. Problem Statement**

1. What the factor make main character who had diagnosed chronic cancer can struggle in daily life ?
2. Why the main character who have diagnosed cancer still survive ?
3. How is the cancer reflected in **JHON GREEN'S NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012)?**

### C. Objectives

The Objectives of the study as follows :

1. To reveal the reason why the author address sociological approach in **JHON GREEN'S NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012)**
2. To analyze cancer in **JHON GREEN'S NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012)** based on sociological approach.

### D. Benefits/Advantages

From this novel we can learn about the life of person with cancer and who is trying to live a normal life even though the disease suffered is very torturing his body even in can not perform normal activities. It also talks that people with cancer can do all activities like normal people and people with cancer are also entitled to get true love.

### E. Research Paper Organization

The research organization “**CANCER REFLECTED IN JHON GREEN'S NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* (2012) : A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH**” divided into five chapters, as follows

Chapter I is Introduction, it consists of Background of the Study, Literature Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Objectives of the Study, and Benefits of the Study, Research Method, and Research Organization.

Chapter II is related with theoretical review, consist of: Underlying theory, Previous study, Novelty of the research

Chapter III is the research method consist of: Type of the study, Object of the study, Type of data and the data source, Technique of the data collection, Technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV is analysis the analysis and the discussion, consist of: Finding/Result of the study, Discussion.

Chapter V is Conclusion, Pedagogical Implication and Suggestion.