

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

Literature reflects the various experiences, ideas, passions, of human beings in their daily life that express on several forms and styles of literary works. Since literature directly derives from human life, it can increase our knowledge and experiences about human problems including values, morals, cultures and human interest. According to Wellek and Warren (1956:15) Literature is a creative activity and art without artistic values literature would be just another kind writing, along with scientific, works, reports, etc. It also increases human being's knowledge or insight, enrich their spirits and make them more civilized. It can help them comprehend other people's condition and qualities. Therefore, literature helps human being grow, both personally and intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding.

Literature is a very good kind of writing that can be enlightening for the human being. However it also has a big effect. It means that we could drop once and for all the illusions that the category of literature is objective, in the sense of being forever given and unchanging (Eagleton, 2003: 9).

Literature is a study that concerns a whole range of human life and activities that expressed in words permanently (written or spoken). Literature expresses thoughts, feelings, ideas or other special aspects of human experiences, and it is a work of art that is not restricted to only one form, but that there are different types depending on the writer's devices, theme and kinds of writing (Ade & Okunoye, 2008: 3).

Hudson, in his "An Introduction to Literature" said that "the novel is self-contained; it provides within its own compass everything that the writer deemed necessary for the comprehension and enjoy meant of his work.

Based on Siswanto (2008: 141), Novel contains a series of stories a person's life with those around him by accentuating the character and nature of

the perpetrators. The problems discussed are not as complex as romance. Usually the novel tells the events in a certain period.

The language used is more like everyday language. Nevertheless, the cultivation of the intrinsic elements is still incomplete, such as theme, plot, setting, style, character and characterization value. With notes, which emphasize a certain aspect of the intrinsic elements.

Novel is also one of interesting objects for reading. Sometimes, lectures and teachers at some of universities and schools ask their student to read, to understand, and to analyze certain novels in order to extract moral teachings; the students can analyze the moral values of the story especially positive values. Then they can draw lesson from the story. In fact, most of readers cannot analyze the moral values after finishing reading the novel.

Novel is one particular kind of literary works. It is mostly defined as reflection of life or everything we find in real life. Novel expresses some aspects in human's love and human existence, because novel talks about human activities and describe what happened in surrounding.

The Hunger Games is one of Suzanne Collins best novels. It was published in the form of a hard cover on September 2008 by Scholastic with a cover image designed by Tim O'Brien. The Hunger Games is the first book of trilogy. The second book is Catching Fire and the third book is Mockingjay. This novel contain of 374 pages. The novel has 27 chapters divided into 3 Parts as follows; "the tributes", "the games" and the last is "the victor".

Suzanne Collins was born in Hartford, Connecticut on 1962, Collins was the daughter of an Air Force pilot, and her family moved several times when she was young. Collins was graduated from Alabama School of Fine Arts in 1980. Then enrolled at Indiana University, where she graduated in 1985 as a double major in theatre and telecommunication. Collins received the California Young Medal: Young Adult for The Hunger Games in 2011 and received the award in Teen Choice Award for Trilogy of The Hunger Games in 2012. After proving herself as a talented children television writer. The first book of The Hunger Games series was published. Her trilogy of Hunger Games book went on to

become a motion picture series starring Jennifer Lawrence. (<http://www.google.com/amp/s/www.bibliography.com/.amp/writer/suzanne-collins?espv=1>).

This novel is *The Hunger Games* (2008) tells about Katniss Everdeen. Her father had died, so she only lived with her mother and sister in District 12 of the state of Panem. Every year, the capital city of Panem hosts the event *The Hunger Games*. The event was attended by two representatives from each district. All representatives will fight and leave only one winner. Katniss decided to volunteer and replace her sister with Peeta. Finally, *The Hunger Games* began. Katniss struggled alone, seeing Peeta join Career Tributes. Peeta really hate Katniss because Katniss got a higher score than Peeta in Archery. They really want to win *The Hunger Games* and kill Katniss. Finally, they found Katniss in the tree, but Katniss dropped the killer bee nest that killed one of the Career Tributes and took her arrow. Katniss joins Rue. They managed to destroy Career Tributes' food supply, which made Cato very angry. And Rue was killed. After Rue's death, the master of ceremony changed the rules by allowing 2 winners for the same District. Hearing this, Katniss tried to find Peeta. When she went hunting, Katniss accidentally met Peeta and he was also injured. But the master of ceremony said that, there was only one winner. Katniss and Peeta can't kill each other, so they make plans to commit suicide by eating poisonous fruit. The master of ceremony of the event panicked and announced that they were the winners of this year's *Hunger Games*.

Seeing that novel, the writer conclude that Katniss is an independence woman and very strong. Woman is an adult female person. Independence is the ability to live a life without being helped or influenced by other people. Woman Independence is a confident self-motivated woman who takes responsibility for her actions and never blame the rest of the world for her mistakes or her downfalls.

Independence is freedom. Freedom that satisfies your desire to become a stronger person and yet does not separate us from our values. It's a sense of individuality that empowers us to speak our minds and free ourselves from

ignorance. Independence means living your life to the fullest, it's to enjoy and do your best every single day of your life. It is about standing bold and strong. Independence means making own choices and taking the responsibility consequences of those choices. It's like your life is a painting and you have the option to pick out the colors and draw exactly what you want.

The writer construct the title of the paper: Katniss Everdeen's Independence in Novel The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (2008): A Feminist Approach. In doing this paper the writer will observe The Hunger Games novel by using Feminist approach. Feminist is a movement to support and defend women who are demanding gender equality and demanding their rights as women.

The researcher choose this novel because this novel tells about independence and to be a winner is not easy. It need hard work, strategy and never give up. The independence that played the main character in the fight for life in the hunger games, the reader is able to appreciate the meaning of the struggles in life. The independence for life in the novel, especially the struggle to accept the reality of life because Katniss is a girl who left by her father and being a volunteer replace her little sister and fight in the hunger games to save herself from people in the other district who want to kill her and be a winner.

## **B. Problem Statement**

The problem statements in this study are:

1. What are the kinds of Katniss Everdeen's independence through the feminist approach in novel The Hunger Games?
2. How does the main character survive to win in The Hunger Games?

## **C. Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this study are:

1. To identify the kinds of Katniss Everdeen's independence through the feminist approach in novel The Hunger Games.
2. To find out the main character survive to win in The Hunger Games.

#### **D. Benefit of the Study**

The results of this study are expected to be used theoretically and practically:

1. Theoretically:

The results of this study are expected to expand the knowledge and insight of other researcher in developing knowledge especially in the field of woman independence.

2. Practically:

a. For the reader

This research is expected can give the reader some information about the independence of woman and Feminist theory.

b. For the student

For the language learners, this research can be used as reference for the study with similar topic analyze.

c. For the teacher

This research hopefully can be a teaching material and a reference in giving the case of Feminist Theory.

#### **E. Limitation of the Study**

The researcher limits this study only focused on the independence of a woman by Katniss Everdeen characters in novel *The Hunger Games*. The author analyzed the kinds of women's Independence using Feminist theory and how main character survive to win in novel *The Hunger Games*.