

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is divided into six parts. They are background of the study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and research paper organization.

A. Background of the study

Humans are born with a variety of differences from the others. Nobody can choose their skin color, dialect, language, culture or clan when they are born. They have their own uniqueness. That differences should make a lot of diversity that makes everything beautiful. But, it often makes people classify themselves from others. It is called racism.

Racism is judging people based on their kind of race. Some races will be assumed superior or inferior to another. It can be defined as a hatred of one person or group to another because of their skin color, language, dialect, degree, and place of birth or other factors about their basic nature. It draws the views of the ideology or concept which is adopted by people who reject or dislike a particular group of people. Some races always see the difference between him and other groups. They begin to compare and even mock one each other.

Racism is one of the issues raised in a literary work. In *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone, there are many racist issues in some plots. This novel tell about a young black man called Justyce who tries to save his girlfriend Melo. He does not want Melo drives when she is drunk. But, he is arrested because an understanding. He is not given a chance to explain to the cop. The cop asks Justyce to be quiet and does not want to hear a single word from him.

Justyce likes to write diary. He writes a letter to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He admires the way of Dr. King's life. In his letter, Justyce tells Dr. King that he is a scholarship student at Braselton Preparatory Academy and he have some good achievement. He feels he has a bright future because of his

academic achievement but it seems impossible if he still lives in that bad area. He also tells about his friend, Shemar Carson, who was shot by a white police officer in Nevada.

Justyce feels that the discrimination will occur again. The black people are always viewed badly by white people. If these things keep happening it will make black people cannot grow themselves. Even in their school, the discrimination is still occurring. He just has few friends there. The students are often grouped based on their skin color. They are often debating, fighting even bullying.

The reasons why the researcher analyzes *Dear Martin* with the issue of racism is, first, in this novel, there are many racist depictions in the story plot. It is so interesting to be analyzed how the characters face and resolve the race discrimination. Second, the issue of racism is not something new but it is still happening recently. The researcher wants to understand the fact about racism and avoid this kind of thing from happening.

So, the researcher will analyze *Dear Martin* novel and raise the issue of racism by using Critical Race Theory. It will be presented in the research paper entitled: **RACISM REFLECTED IN NIC STONE'S *DEAR MARTIN* NOVEL (2017): A CRITICAL RACE THEORY.**

B. Problem Statement

The researcher does this analyze in order to find the answer for some questions below:

1. What are the indicators of racism that shown in *Dear Martin*?
2. How does the main character, Justyce, deal with racism in *Dear Martin*?

C. Objectives of the Study

There are two objects of study that want to achieve by the researcher in analyzing *Dear Martin*, as follows:

1. To identify the indicators of racism in *Dear Martin* by using Critical Race Theory.

2. To analyze how the main character, Justyce, deal with racists in *Dear Martin* by using Critical Race Theory.

D. Limitation of the Study

There are some issues that are raised in this novel. In order to make the limitation in analyzing, the researcher just focuses on the issue of racism and the main character, Justyce. The other issues can be analyzed by other researchers.

E. Benefit of the Study

There are two benefits that can be obtained from analyzing *Dear Martin* (2017) novel by Nic Stone. It is theoretical and practical benefit, as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of this study is expected to give understanding and example how Critical Race Theory is used. Especially to analyze the issue of racism in the novel. It can be an example if someone want to use this theory and the issue.

2. Practical Benefit

This study can add knowledge treasure in the world of literary that needed by others researcher in the future. In this research contains some things that can help other research who wants to conduct research in the same issue, It can be used as references.

This research also has benefit for the author itself. This research will be a work that contains some things about literary. What author learns about literary is used in conducting this research. So, the author can sharpen their knowledge of literary by doing the research.

F. Research Paper Organization

The research organization of this paper is divided into five chapters. Chapter I is introduction. It consists of background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and research paper organization. Chapter II talks about literature review that consists of underlying theory, previous study and the notion of racism. Chapter III is the research method. It consists of type of the study, object of the study,

type of data and the data sources, Technique of the data collection, and technique of the data analysis. Chapter IV consists of the finding or result and discussion. It talks about the main result of the analysis. Chapter V consists of conclusion, pedagogical implication and suggestion.