

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Study

Literature is one of the most creative and universal ways of communicating the emotional, spiritual and intellectual concerns of humankind. Literature is a representative of the real-life of humans. Sometimes it is used as public and criticism. Literature cannot be separated from human life since it gives many contributions to people. Literature has three sub-genres: Prose, Drama, and Poetry. Among the three sub-genres, prose is the easiest genre to be analyzed because in every line we can catch the detailed important information thing that appears in prose. Prose genre is called a novel. According to Reeve (Kennedy, 1983, p. 182) novel is a picture or real life and manners, and of the time in which it was written. Novel as a literary work reveals some aspects of human life and describes what happened in surroundings, along with its problems, characters, conflict, and motivation.

Motivation is an important aspect of human life. According to Robert (1978) in Campbell research (Campbell, 2007, p. 2) motivation is broadly concerned with contemporary determinant of choice, persistence, and vigor of goal directed behavior. In other words, motivation is the desire and direction that can move people to take certain actions. It has the power to encourage people to do something to achieve certain goals. On the other hand, motivation is an important element in the development of a person because it leads to the fulfillment of his or her needs.

This research will be focused on analyzing the characterization of Hazel Lancaster in fulfilling her needs using individual psychological theory by Abraham Maslow's. The reason why the researcher used individual psychological theory is because in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*, we can see the struggle of Hazel Lancaster's life in fulfilling her needs. She was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer at the age of thirteen years. In her daily activity she always wears a nasal cannula and holds a portable oxygen tank wherever she goes to help her

breathing. This condition makes her difficult to socialize with other people. Although Hazel has cancer, she has the needs which must be fulfilled in her life like a teenager normally. That is why the researcher feels interested in analyzing this novel.

The Fault in Our Stars is a romance novel written by John Green. John Green is an American writer born on 24th August 1977. John Green is the New York Times bestselling author of *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of Katherines*, *Paper Towns*, and *The Fault in Our Stars*. This novel tells of Hazel Grace Lancaster, a sixteen-year-old girl who has had cancer for three years. Cancer that has been in stadium four and increasingly spread to the lungs make this girl hard to breathe, so she must wear a nasal cannula and hold a portable oxygen tank wherever she goes. One day, meeting for children with cancer, Hazel met a man named Augustus Waters who also has cancer. In contrast to the cancer Hazel suffered, this seventeen-year-old man had osteosarcoma cancer which made him lose a leg. Augustus who always carries positive energy makes Hazel fall in love with him. Augustus always made surprises in his encounter with Hazel. At one point, Augustus made a surprise that Hazel could not believe it. Augustus will take Hazel to Amsterdam to meet with Hazel's favorite author, *An Imperial Affliction*, named Van Houten. The surprise was abruptly stopped when the writer was unkind to Augustus and Hazel who had come to Amsterdam. They are disappointed. Extraordinary events took place in Amsterdam. Hazel and Augustus formalize their relationship amidst their serious illness. Hazel and Augustus go to great lengths to please each other to make their day more excited.

The researcher chooses this novel because it is a fabulous book about a young teenage girl who was diagnosed with lung cancer and attends a cancer support group, this novel also gives us examples of how to struggle in facing cancer in our life. The story in this novel is so realistic, we can feel it by reading word by word in every part of this novel. The researcher conducts research entitled **The Characterization of Hazel Lancaster in Fulfilling Her Needs in The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (2012): An Individual Psychological Approach.**

B. Problem Statement

The problem statement of this study, as follows:

1. What are the characterizations of Hazel Lancaster in *The Fault in Our Stars*?
2. What are the psychological features of Hazel Lancaster viewed from Abraham Maslow's individual psychology?

C. Objectives of The Study

The objectives of this study :

1. To describe the characterizations of Hazel Lancaster in *The Fault in Our Stars*?
2. To describe the psychological features of Hazel Lancaster viewed from Abraham Maslow's individual psychology?

D. Benefit of the study

The benefit of this research is expected can to be more valuable, based on theoretically and practically.

1. Theoretically

The finding of this study is to be a source and reference for lecturers and students of Literature and English Department. Especially, information and knowledge of an individual psychological approach.

2. Practically

a. For readers

The researcher wants to show knowledge and information about psychological based on this novel.

b. For college students

The researcher hopes that this research can be a reference for other.

E. Research Organization

This study will be divided into five chapters. Chapter one is background of study, problem statement, benefit of the study, and research organization. Chapter two deals with underlying theory; include previous study or theories on similar

field. Chapter three is research method, include type of research, object of research, data and data source, technique of collecting data, technique of analyzing data, and validity data. Chapter four consist of the finding of research and discussion. And chapter five consist of conclusion, suggestion, and pedagogical implication.