

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literature is a source of knowledge that can be in the form of data or can be in the form of books. Literature is also divided into various types and also various forms one of which is in the form of art which includes novels, drama, essay, and poetry. In other words, literature is also called work created by writers in all parts of the world. Literature is also a masterpiece that might have been born by a world poet or world writer. poets and writers of the world use literature to create work by using their feelings and also pouring out every emotion and also desire in each of his works. In other words, literature is a child of a feeling that is born of the writer or the creator of the work itself. Such traditional literary devices as symbolism and meter are social in their very nature. In other cases, literature is not just about creatures from the writers by their feelings but also the philosophy of the social image. According to Ren Wellek and Warren(1949;89) “They are conventions and norms which could have arisen in society. Questions are asked about the relations of literature to a given social situation, to an economic, social, and political system.” Attempts are made to describe and define the influence of society on literature and to prescribe a sociological approach to literature is particularly cultivated by those who profess a specific social philosophy. Marxist critics not only study these

relations between literature and society but judge the position of literature in society.

By the kind of literature itself, novels are the masterpiece literature that familiar to all the people in the entire world. Novels are distinguished through a lot of types. Romantic novels are included in the category of popular novel genres and are in great demand by people. From the last century there were many poets and writers were very popular, and most of them were of a romantic genre. Literature, poetry and previous novels are very remembered and known to all people around the world. Romantic novels that use a lot of diction and poetic language. The romantic novel is a novel that has many storylines to tell the story of the struggle of two human beings to reach happiness through a love/romance relationship and end up happy even though sometimes not all ends happily. Romantic novels are not all simple and contain love scenes. The novel has to go through many processes and some of them contain the irony of two human children who are trying to get happiness and trying to reach happiness through a love relationship. Simply put from the process of meeting, the struggle being together, all will be told in the novel.

Reflect is a reflection or picture of a thing or event that will be discussed and a conflict in an event contained in written form. This research paper will discuss how is Arrange Married reflect through The Notebook Novel by Nicholas Sparks(1996). Arrange Married is a marriage where one human being does not have feelings or love for her or his life partner. This marriage can be called a marriage that is forced unilaterally or it can also be called a marriage

that is planned without love but based on position and also social status in a group or also a society. A marriage arranged or carried out based on compulsion still often occurs in the 90s, where marriages occur because the family wants their children to marry a couple who has the same high degree or at least higher than the degree of his own family.

In a romantic novel, the writer describes the twists and turns of the love of two people, the love problem that must be passed by the character, and how the end of the twists and turns of the love story of the human being. Some many novels and genres are quite famous. This study will discuss a romantic novel written by the world novelist Nicholas Sparks "The Notebook". The novel is also a novel based on a true story. This romantic novel was officially published on October 1, 1996, and contains 214 pages. This novel is said to be quite phenomenal because it has been reported to be the best selling novel on the New York Times news page. The news page is quite famous in the eyes of the world. The novel has also been raised to the big screen or made into a movie that is also quite phenomenal with the same title "The Notebook" played by American famous actress Rachel McAdams play as Allie and Ryan Gosling plays as Noah as the main character for Noah and Allie young version.

The notebook is a romantic novel by Nicholas Spark that is quite shocking the world with a love story that is enough to drain the emotions of the readers. The novels are quite a in demand and even raised to the big screen which is quite phenomenal, even The Notebook's works are said to be the most romantic literary works such as Titanic's phenomenal works and stories.

Behind the romantic story of *The Notebook*, it turns out that some of the stories told by the author are true stories that are an inspiration for *The Notebook*'s novels and films. The writer, Nicholas Spark admitted that he wrote after getting to know his ex-wife's grandfather and grandmother, Cathy. It is said that his grandfather and grandmother, his ex-wife, have been together for 60 years. Because of illness, the two could not attend the wedding of Nicholas and Cathy. But a surprise was prepared by the writers Nicholas Sparks and Cathy at that time who were still newlyweds by visiting the grandparents of his ex-wife. From Nicholas' meeting with Cathy's grandparents, the idea came to write *The Notebook*. There are a lot of struggles in the notebook novel and I would like to research The arranged marriage inside of the novel. Arranged marriages are one of the most urgent gender issues in every part of the world. Forced marriages in America are more common for a noble family or a family of conglomerates or perhaps for a respected family. The practice of forced marriage in western countries often occurs because of a high bloodline or family standard so that each child must marry an equal partner. This kind of tradition is one of the traditions that promote the values of violence against women.

This romantic story opens with an old man who reads the story of a small notebook that is worn out next to the old woman with a curious look at the contents of the notebook. The other old man is Noah Calhoun and Allie Nelson. Implied the first opening location of the novel is a hospital where Noah and Allie lived in old age and then followed by an initial flashback of the meeting

Noah and Allie in their youth. Starting with a second date and seasoned with romantic romance that is afflicted by love. Romance Noah and Allie went well at the beginning of the story until finally, the Allie family decided to move to New York. On the part of Allie's move, it became a farewell to the two lovebirds who were in love. In this section, Nicholas Sparks explains, though not in an implied way how the Allie family disliked her relationship with Noah and surely because of the different social status so they must be separate. After several years passed Noah continued the work of his father who had died and lived more affluently so that it could be said to be financially established again with Allie who would become another man's wife.

The Arrange marriage here is the struggle of the character between Noah and Allie. In the notebook storyline, the main character "Noah" is just an ordinary person and not from a conglomerate family or comes from a rich family like the main female character "Allie". Seeing Noah's and Allie's relationship getting closer Allie's parents began to worry if their child would end up with Noah who was from an ordinary family. The struggle starts when Allie's parents would separate the two of them and bring Allie to New York to marry someone more established and wealthy. With a heavy heart, Allie could not do anything and chose to go with her parents to New York and leave Noah.

Arrange married in this novel is describe through the actions of Allie's parents tried to separate Allie from Noah and moved to another city and disappeared and Noah could no longer find Allie. After living in New York Allie had to start a new life there and continue to live with another man who was

rich in New York and would certainly be approved by his parents and become his parents' choice.

Notebooks have been researched by several researchers who use various problems and also theories. Some discuss using psychological approach theories some use sociological approach. The sociological approach is the view of every human being and every thought about humans in every corner of the world that has diversity and differences in each view and response to something or an event. Many people have problems and solve them. But not necessarily everyone understands and understands the real social world. Sociology is an attempt to explain what the social world is, such as social structure, culture, and history.

The notebook is a very memorable and unforgettable novel the researcher has ever read. There are several reasons for researching novels and also choosing the title of this research. First, personally, the way Nicholas Sparks gave a very epic ending, the separation of the main character Noah and Allie at the end of the story which was quite thrilling to the readers. The second is the way Nicholas Sparks creates conflict in the story in the form of a marriage arranged based on social status makes the reader reminisce about the 90s era which is quite a cliché but still a signature of the classic novel itself. The researcher raised the issue because it's quite like something classic enough to be appointed as final project research. It's quite an attractive discussion about arranging married and also quite interesting to discuss in this modern era.

Arrange married is a topic that is quite complex and also light but interesting to discuss and also review.

Apart from what was written the researchers used a sociological approach to raise the issue. Sociology is an understanding of the condition of an environment or social or community sphere which includes social structure, culture, history, and understanding of social phenomena by collecting and analyzing data of a particular event or event to be analyzed. This scientific approach distinguishes sociological knowledge from common sense.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher decided to raise the research to complete the final project by raising the title **ARRANGE MARRIED REFLECTED IN THE NOTEBOOK NOVEL BY NICHOLAS SPARKS(1996): by Sociological Approach.**

B. Problem Statement

Based on the idea of the title of the research and also based on the background of the discussion which is then raised to be a research problem that will be discussed and also raised is “How is Arrange Married reflect in Nicholas Sparks Novel The Notebook?”

C. Limitation of the Study

In this study, the researcher analyzes and searching about how is the arrange married as the main conflict reflects in *The Notebook* novel by Nicholas Sparks by;

1. Conversation between the character in the novel
2. The way sparks describe the situation and the characters feeling

D. The Objective of the Study

In connection with the problem statement above and also based on the object to be discussed, the subjective of the study are as follow;

1. .Analyze the Factor That Causes Arranged Married in The Notebook Novel by Nicholas Sparks
2. Analyze the Indicator of Arranged Married in the Novel
3. Analyze The Arranged Married describe in the Novel

E. The Benefit of the Study

1. Theoretical benefit

By knowing and analyzing the notebook novel the researcher can better know the conflicts in the novel in more detail and also more clearly and the researcher can also better understand how the author gives conflict resolution in the novel. Another advantage can be obtained from the search for injuries through the behavior described by the writer himself to find an implied conflict and is not clearly explained by the writer.

2. Practical Benefit

a. For Readers

With studies conducted the reader can understand in detail and the deep understanding of arranging married which is one of the main conflicts in the novel. The readers can get knowledge from the definition of the sociological theory through this research.

b. For College Student

With all the research obtained by researchers, hopefully this research can be a source of knowledge for other students and also be a help for them to get research resources and data for the final project.