

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents the reason of choosing the topic of the study. In details in this part the researcher also presents background of the study, formulation of problem, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and definition of key terms.

### **A. Background Research**

All of people use language to communicate with others. Based on Collins Cobuild Dictionary, language is a system of communication, which consists of a set of sounds and written symbols that is used by people of particular country or region for talking or writing. With language, we can make a good relationship with others. Language is important for human to understand what they want and with good language; they can avoid misunderstanding in a speech. In his book Yule (1996:47) said that in the effort to express and asserting himself, people not only produce grammatical structure sentence but they also produce or show action in the language. We know as a human, have different language and there are many other language we know. However, the only way we can understand each other only if use the same language as a connect language.

According to Long (1964:8) literature is the expression of life in words of truth and beauty is the written record of man's spirits, of his thoughts, aspirations, is the history, and the only history, of the human soul. The Novelists write their novels include some elements that is plot, character, theme, settings. Literature has some types or forms they are novel, drama, poetry, biography, non-fictional prose, essay, epic and short story.

Novel is one kind of literature. There are some famous novels which written in English in our country, like Jane Austen with her novel 'Pride and Prejudice', F.Scott Fitzgerald with his novel entitled *The Great Gatsby*, William Shakespeare with his famous novel 'Romeo and Juliet' etc. Someone who writes a novel is called a novelist. Novelist can write some novels, but not all novels of a novelist can be famous ones in the world and got movie adaptation.

Character is one of literary elements that become very important part to understand the entire story of a literary work. Character is human, animals, thing or fantasized beings that are created by author to act within a story for the author's purpose. According to Roberts (2003:17) a character may be described by the author through dialogues, action, description, reactions, inner thought and reflection, and also through the author's own imperative commentary. Character existence is important in fictional work because a character can help to develop the plot.

The Great Gatsby is one of Legendary Novel written by F. Scott Fitzgerald from America. The first publication was in 1925, but this novel was not popular in that year. The novel was just sold out under 25 thousand copy as long as Fitzgerald passed away in 1940 (44 years old). However, this novel has repeatedly publication in 1945 and 1953. After two and third publication Fitzgerald and his novel become famous and become the best novel in the world, and got movie adaptation in 1974. Not only got reputation as the best novel for long time, this Novel also becomes standard literature novel to read by student in America.

Many people like reading novel, but not all of them understand every meaning of utterance that the author wrote in the novel. Some of them choose to watch movie because movie is defined as a motion picture, which considered especially as a source of entertainment. Sometimes, the plot of story in the movie can influence the daily people's life. In the movie, we can find many values, such as education values, moral values, attitude values, and other values. Movie can show how the character's expression and how the situation is presented in details.

In May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 "The Great Gatsby" novel got adaptation movie with Baz Luhrman as the Film Director. The story was based on the novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The story tells us how Gatsby struggle in his life and love, from his birth as a poor man until he can get high social status. Young Gatsby ever became an army in the first War World. That moment is the first time Gatsby met

with Daisy in a party in Daisy's home. Then, he began a relationship with Daisy. But Gatsby must leave Daisy for measure arms. During the war, Gatsby and Daisy always sent letter each other. When the war ended, Gatsby could not quickly go back and Daisy got a marriage with Tom Buchanan. He is a rich man from Chicago but he is a bad man. Gatsby still loved and could not forget Daisy for 5 years until he can meet her again. Gatsby worked hard just for Daisy and finally he could meet Daisy with Nick Caraway and Jordan Baker helped.

Accordingly, the writer interested to analyze the personality of main characters. Characterization is considered as one of elements of literary work which is very important to be analyzed.

Based on the background above the writer intends try to analyze the main character's characterization of Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan, Tom Buchanan, Nick Caraway and Jordan Baker in the movie *The Great Gatsby*. The title is "***An Analysis of the Main Character in Movie 'The Great Gatsby'***"

## **B. Statement of Research Problem**

Problem of the study is necessary to be given in order that the researcher focuses to the research.

1. How are the main characters personalities in the movie "The Great Gatsby?"

2. What the message presented regarding to the roles of the main characters in the movie The Great Gatsby”?

### **C. Objective of the Research**

In this study researcher has objectives of the study to decide purpose of the study.

1. To know the main character’s personality in the movie “The Great Gatsby”
2. To know the message presented regarding to the roles of the main characters in the movie The Great Gatsby”

### **D. Significance of the study**

The study is significant to enrich and broaden understanding about character seen through literally work. It also can be reference to understand the story based on the information of the main characters in the story itself. For this reason, this study is expected to give contributions to the students who want to study about character and characterization in a movie or story, especially personality. It is believed that character and characterization are interesting elements of literature to discuss.

1. For learners

Hopefully, this thesis could assist readers understanding of the types of type of the main personality character and implied message. Thus, they may have

a good grasp on written text by reading the entire script and spoken language in movie. This will help them to avoid any interpretation. Also, it can improve the skills in English, especially in writing and speaking skills.

## 2. For teachers

The teacher is suggested in order to make their students easily understand the types of the main personality character and implied message. The teachers can easily telling how the implied message and character in the movie. It can improve the speaking skill. Also can use to example about personality character.

## 3. For researchers

For other researchers who will conduct the same study, it was suggested that they could conduct other the study was not only about to know the main personality character and implied message in conversation in the Great Gatsby movie. In addition, there other is researchers who are recommended to conduct researcher conversation should further master use different data sources and others besides using Sigmund Freud and Carl Gustav Jung theory.

## **E. Scope and Limitation of the Research**

The study uses the movie “The Great Gatsby” as the object of the study. The writers just analyze the characterization and just focus at the Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan, Tom Buchanan, Jordan Baker and Nick Caraway as the main character in this movie. Moreover, the writer showed messages in the movie. This movie based on the Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, it is “The Great Gatsby”.

## **F. Definition of key Terms**

To make the title easily understood by the readers, the writer would like to give the definition and explanation of the terms used, they are as follows:

### **1. Character**

Character is the representative of a person in narrative or dramatic work of art (such as novel. Play or film.). Gotten from the Greek word character, the earliest use in English, in these sense, dates from the restoration, although it become widely used after its appearance in Tom Jones in 1749. From this, the sense of “a part played by an actor” developed. Character, particularly when enacted by actor in the theatre or cinema, involves “the illusion of being a human person”. We know character can divide in protagonist character, antagonist character, supporting character. Character not just human but can animals, thing or a fantasized being that are created by author to act within a story for the author’s purpose

## **2. Main character**

Main character is a protagonist. Protagonist is mean one who plays the first part, chief actor of the central or primary personal figure of literary theatrical, cinematic, or musical narrative, around whom the events of the narrative plot revolve and whom the audience is intended to share the most empathy. Main character in a story is generally known as the protagonist; the character who opposes him or her is an antagonist. Character is revealed by how a character responds to conflict, by his or her dialogue, and through descriptions (Nurgiyanto, 1995:190).

## **3. Characterization:**

Characterization is the process of conveying information about characters in narrative or dramatic work of art or everyday conversation. Characterization is the presentation of the character action, with little or no explicit comment by author, from the action. The story contains problems appearing within the actions that make the character struggle to overcome the problems, Pickering and Hopper, (1999:27).

## **4. The Great Gatsby Novel**

The Great Gatsby is one of the Legendary Drama Novel by novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald from America. This novel was not very popular in the year during the



first publication in 1925, because the Novel just sold out under 25 thousand copy as long as Fitzgerald life and pass away in 1940 (44 years old). But then, this novel have repeatedly reprint for publication in 1945 and 1953. After second and third publication the novel reachbig success and can make Fitzgerald become famous or legendary novelist in the world and this novel have a movie adaptation in 1974. The Great Gatsby not only became reputed as the best novel for long time but this Novel also become standard novel to read by literature student in America.