**CHAPTER III**

**RESEARCH METHOD**

This chapter is presented to give a clear a picture of what the researcher is going to do this study, especially in analyzing conflict in novel *The Return of The Native*. This chapter describes the methodology used in this study.

1. **Research Design**

This study employs qualitative research method, because the researcher cannot be show by numbers. Endaswara (2003:4) state that qualitative research is conducted without numbers, but it is prefer the concept of appreciation of the interactions being studied empirically. Therefore, the researcher concludes that literary work is most suitable research using qualitative approach.

This study uses descriptive library study, applying the way to collect the data and describe conflict faced by main character in novel of *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy. Descriptive research study is the way to obtain information about status of phenomena which there are at the time of the study.

Literature is world of meaning and symbol. Its information concern in status of phenomena. Literature is not dead things and paralyze phenomena, but it is full of life imajination. Based on natural phenomena that is something violent, and any existing phenomena in the world and the hereafter. Literature can across into the space and time, which is sometimes far from the reach of human reason;it requires its own method (Endaswara, 2003:22).

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Based on the study above, the writer applies the psychological and sociological approach in this study. The following classification may be regarded with some caution, for psychological have not established if no encourage of social condition.

1. **Approach of the Study**

The writer applies the psychological and sociological approaches in this study. The purpose is simply and solely to find out the psychological problems of the main character. This approach attemps to work on literature through the analysis of the main character based on the development of conflict.

Psychological criticism can do more than this, however, it can involve psychological theories to analyze characters in a novel or to analyze the reader in the light of his or her responses. The sociological approach is study of people think about something and gives influence and make Relate to one another. How the individual has a behavior in social situation interaction.

Social psychology is the systematic study of social behavior. According Striker in James’ book, social psychology has retained its interdisciplinary links to both sociological and psychological knowledge. Psychologist traditionally focused on individual and the social stimuli that impinge on them while sociologist concerned themselves with the reciprocal relationship between the individual and society, stressing the part that social interaction plays with human life (Brytonski, 1979:11).

1. **Data and Data Source**

Data refer to the rough materials researchers collect from the world they are studying; they are the particulars that form the basis of analysis. Data include materials the people doing the study actively record, such as interview transcript and participant observation field notes. Data also include what others have created and the researcher finds, such as diaries, photographs, official documents, and newspaper articles (Bodgan, 1982:73). The data in this study are taken from the novel under the title “*The Return of the Native*” by Thomas Hardy. The data from this novel are mostly in the forms of transcripts.

Data sources are the subject of the study from where the data are gathered. There are two kinds of data source; they are primary and secondary data. Ary (1985:332) states that primary data are original documents, relics, remain, or artifacts. These are the direct outcomes off the events or the records of the eyewitnesses. In this case, the writer merely uses the novel of *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy as the primary data. It means that the writer analyze the character briefly. In the some book, Ary (1985:332) states that secondary data is the maid of a non observer also comes between the event and user of the record. Here, the writer uses other sources outside the novel that are closed with the subject and it can support the primary data, such as biography book, text book, other thesis, and internet source.

1. **Data Collection**

In this study, the writer observed all of data in the return of the native by Thomas Hardy by reading the novel to get understanding about the content then identifies and choose the data that any relation with the object of study. There are some steps of collecting data, they are as follows:

1. Reading and understanding the novel “*The Return of The Native by Thomas Hardy*”.
2. Finding out the plot, conflict, and character in the novel “*The Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy*”.
3. Choosing and electing the data dealing with each problem that will investigate.
4. Collecting the data that are relation with the problem.
5. **Data Analysis**

Data analysis is the process of systematically searching and arranging the interview transcripts, fieldnotes, and other materials that you accumulate to increase your own understanding of term and to enable you to present what you have discovered to others (Bogdan, 1982:145). Data analysis is used to analyze the qualitative data is descriptive method through the following procedures:

1. Identifying the kinds of conflict that happen in the main character

After reading the novel, the writer tries to finding the conflict. The writer finds the conflict based on dialogue description given by author and the character’s statement. Then, the writer identifies the kinds of conflict that happened in the main character.

1. Classifying the kinds of conflict that happened in the main character

After the writer finds the conflict in novel, then the writer classifies conflict to the three kinds of conflicts, they are physical conflict, psychological conflict, and social conflict.

1. Identifying how the main character’s conflict build the plot in novel
2. Drawing conclusion

After the writer finds all of aspects of her study in the novel, finally she drawn conclusion of this study.