

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of The Study

In this globalization era, people can learn English independently. People may find a lot of sources or media that they can use to learn English. Sparks (2:2017) music and song are also media that has big influence for the people in everyday life. They become tools that amuse many people. Most people nowadays from young till adult like to listen to the music or song. People like to spend their time to listen to their favorite songs. Therefore, learning English through songs is also relaxing mind. Different song represents different meanings, styles and characters. Billadina (1: 2018) argues that song is related to human's life. Listening to music is one of activity in human life. When people feel sad or happy, music can be alternative way for expressing the feeling. It is because music is said as the language of emotions.

Considering English as a global language, most of Michael Jackson's songs are in English. Therefore, the songs are able to listen by the people in all over the world. He conveys a lot of advices to moral values through the songs. Furthermore, people may learn moral values from Michael Jackson's songs to inspire themselves in doing better. For that reason, morality is very important as well.

Morality is a common word to say, but it is very difficult to imply in human daily life. Since people were born they had been taught about morality,

however by the time the morality will decrease or delay. Morality is something that must be owned by human because without morality human will not be respected by other people. People will be easy to socialize with people around them and will be accepted in the community. Moral values can not only be obtained by discussion in formal situation and getting from books but also people can use songs to deliver the moral message of the songs.

Kepmendiknas ( 2016 : i-ii ) described from a discussion about cultural education and country's moral agreed about the 18 Indonesia moral values for characters. They are religious, honest, tolerance, discipline, hard working, creative, independent, democratic, curious, nationalistic, patriotic, respectful, friendly, loving peace, loving reading, environment care, social care, and responsible (Pusat Kurikulum Diknas, 2016). Referring to the explanation above, it is very challenging or interesting to do a research on the moral values and the messages in Michael Jackson's songs. Those songs can relax people's mind and they have a deep meaning for the listener. Therefore, many people like those songs.

Thus, this research will be beneficial for readers in picking up their everyday songs. People have to understand every single meaning of the songs that they listen everyday. Besides, they also can learn about what messages and the moral values in the songs.

The researcher choose this topic because it is important for us to know how to develop moral values through the song and also the role of the songs to

improve the learning outcomes out of social interaction in people nowadays. Moore (11: 2012) defines songs as a short musical work set to a poetic text, with equal importance given to the music and to the words. Song lyrics not only function to entertain people, but also can use as a media to deliver message and personal feeling. Lyrics give the audience deep understanding about the message contained in the song. Furthermore, most of literary devices can be found in all types of text, not just in stories or poems. From the explanation above, the researcher assume that through song lyrics, people may receive a lot of message which will influence their life.

In my opinion moral values that we can get from songs are a set of attitude, ideas, beliefs, feeling and behavior intended to achieve communication and cooperate with each others.

### **B. Scope of The Problem**

Base on the background of the research above, the scope of the problem is limited to five selected song from michael jackson in which the researcher analyzed the moral values in each of the songs through issue of human relationship.

### **C. Statement of The Problem**

What are the moral values identified in the lyrics of Michael Jackson's selected songs?

### **D. Objective of The Research**

1. To know kind of moral values in each lyrics of michael jackson's selected song.

### **E. Significance of The Research**

The research is expected to have significances in both theory and practice.

#### 1. Theoretical Significance

Theoretically, this research is helpful to provide the readers to know the moral values contained in the songs of Michael Jackson. In addition, this research also can increase knowledge in the field of literature as well as a benchmark and guidelines for consideration and reference source for researchers who will conduct similar research.

#### 2. Practical Significance

a) For students and university students, this research is useful to increase the appreciation of literature and is expected to motivate them to produce new ideas that are more creative and innovative in the future.

b) For the authors, this study can add insight and knowledge about the song, especially on moral values contained in the song of Michael Jackson.

c) For the general public, this research can provide knowledge and open up horizons of thought for lovers of literature.