

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Literature are characterized by a meaningful imagination of expression, Literature is a common thing about human life. This implies that literature can deal with any problem or human activity that is based on human experience that is universal. There are several parts in literature. One is the novel. The Novel is one of the literary works that forms a new literary prose, which expresses the concentration of human life in situations and conditions that are tense explicitly. Novels can also present various types of problems and difficulties in humans either in the form of individual problems or social problems in life. In addition, the novel is also arranged in accordance with its structure in an interesting and impressive way that depicts the problems of life and human activity through character. And literature also gives a contribution that arouses the interest of its readers, and adds to the experience when reading literary works.

According to Sumardjo and Saini (1997:3-4), literary works are a personal expression of the human experience, thoughts, feelings, idea, and beliefs in a form of a concrete image based on experience or believe Expressions that expressed in the form of language. This is strengthened by the opinion of Saryono (2009:18), that literature has the ability to record all the empirical experiences-natural and nonempirical experiences-supernatural, in other words the literature is able to witness and name life Human. And according to Wahyuni (2014:118), the novel is a new prose that tells the life journey of the perpetrator or figure that contains conflicts and is very interested in the reader.

From various types of literary works that tell about the reality of human life one of them is in the literary work that is in the form of novels. Novels are a form of literature that is not much different from other literary works such as poetry and drama. The Novel is also a literary work depicting social functions or benefits that cannot be completely personal (Wellek and Warren, 1956:94).

Novels are a type of literary work that is largely described as a reflection of life or all that we find in real life. Novels reveal some aspects in human love and human existence and illustrate the happening around it. One of these researcher analyzed about the struggle of women who especially on the struggles of the main heroine who struggled to uncover the truth about Megan's death depicted in the novel "The Girl On The Train" by Paula Hawkins. The researcher chooses the struggle of women because in the novel it follows the struggle of the main character in uncovering the truth about the Megan's death. Using a feminism approach.

Looking from the theory of feminism is the movement of women to reject everything related to violence both in physical form in social life. In general, the relationship between feminism and Rachel's struggle is trying to fight out for women's right, which is in uncovering the truth about Megan's death.

This research, researcher analyzed by using feminism approach. The writer chooses this approach because the major character in the novel the girl on the train is a woman. She struggles to uncovering the truth of Megan's death, from the violence of man. She struggles to uncovering the lying, affair, right and participation as what men have. Her uncover the lies of her ex-husband, Tom. Tom is a big lying, he lied about everything from his wives, Rachel, and Anna and also his family. Rachel only found out after Megan's death.

However, when Rachel wanted to expose Tom's crime to the crowd, Tom actually prevented her from being exposed. But Rachel tried to defend her position with a few attempts to get away from Tom's violence. Finally he was able to avoid danger and succeed in protecting himself. From the points above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the girl on the train novel by using a feminist approach that behaves to combine with Rachel's efforts to uncover Megan's death. Struggle is one of the most important behaviors that everyone does to fight for their rights when they have a problems. And women's also struggles often known as a feminism are growing in society.

According to Linda Gordan (2006:6), feminism as an analysis of woman's subordination for the purpose of figuring out how to change it, Gordan feminism also means sharing in an impulse to increase the power and autonomy of woman in their families, communities, and society.

Feminism is the movement of women who fight for their rights to be equal to men. The feminism movement began because of the suppression made by men against women. Thus the emergence of feminism as a source for women to express its right and struggle to uncover male cruelty to women who do not conform to humanitarian values.

## **1.2 Statements of the Problems**

Based on the background above the researcher got two statements of problems as follows:

- 1.2.1 How does the author describe Rachel's struggles in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in the novel "The Girl On The Train" by Paula Hawkins?

1.2.2 What are the impacts of Rachel's struggles in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in the novel "The Girl On The Train" by Paula Hawkins?

### **1.3 Scope of the Research**

From the statement above, researcher analyzed the problems of Rachel's struggle in revealing the truth about Megan's death. And also see the impact of Rachel's struggle to uncovering the truth about Megan's death seen from feminism approach.

### **1.4 Objectives of the Research**

Based on the statements of problems above the researcher formulates some objectives of the study as follow:

1.4.1 To find out how the author presents Rachel's struggles in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in the novel "The Girl On The Train"

1.4.2 To analyze the impacts of Rachel's struggles in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in the novel "The Girl On The Train".

### **1.5 Significances of the Research**

The importance of this research is that there are several benefits that researcher expect:

#### **1.5.1 Theoretical Significances**

The author expects this research to contribute to readers and students especially in terms of analyzing literary works related to "the main character struggle in uncovering the truth about Megan's death" in the novel "The Girl On The Train" with methods and approaches that can be

enrich The Reader's knowledge of The main character struggle. It can be also enrich their analysis data. in analyzing literary works, and also the authors hope to help them in the preparation of the script.

### **1.5.2 Practical Significances**

The research aims to provide knowledge to the reader, associated with the main character struggle (Rachel), how to formulate a feminism approach with this research so that it can help other researchers in analyzing and as Reference. So it can develop this research will be better.

### **1.6 Review of Related Literature**

The first is from Eka Serli Sudarni (2013), the researcher analyzed about the struggle of women in the novel "Sing Me To Sleep" by Angela Morrison, which was to find out the kinds of woman's struggle and struggle to get her love in the novel Sing Me To Sleep. The research used qualitative descriptive method and focus on Virginia Woolf theory. The researcher found out that there are three kinds struggle of woman. The first the struggle to accept the facts of life, the second the struggle to achieve a dream and finally the struggle of in the form of affection, and Heidrick struggles to get her love. This novel tells about Beth Evans, a seventeen years old girl was born red and pimply with a purple blotch on her forehead. She Studies in second class at Port High School, Michigan. Her friends at school always disturb and sneer at her.

The difference between Eka's research and this research was that Eka revealed that the woman was strong, full of struggle to achieve her dreams. Although the difficulties she faced.

While the researcher analyze is about Rachel's struggle in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in The novel *The Girl On The Train* using a feminism approach.

And the second is from Yusuf Muhammad Wizari (2016), Catherine's struggle to free from oppression in the novel "*A Farewell to Arms*" By Ernest Hemingway. In this study, researcher analyzed the suppression of the main character suffering and struggling to gain freedom. Researcher analyze from a feminism standpoint. The struggle of the main character was named Catherine Barkley, who was described as a modern woman at the time and refused to marry after being asked to marry several times. He defended his pregnancy by a certain job as a nurse in the hospital.

In accordance with the issue of researcher using feminism theories as a theory to analyze the novel, in this analysis researcher tried to explore the idea of feminism that focuses on bullying. The difference researcher are with with this research is analyzing researcher about the main character struggle to fight against oppression without showing to the public. While researcher also analyzed women's struggles but focused in the main character's struggle to reveal the truth about Megan's death in novel *The Girl On The Train* using a feminism approach.

For the next, the researcher also found in Yunanti Serli (2014), she focused in the main character of *Victoria Struggle for Equality as Reflected in Young Victoria the Movie*. This research reveals the women movement in the early nineteenth century in England which is done by a woman named Victoria, a Queen of England and the longest reigning British sovereign to date. Victoria has successes to break the patriarchy system.

A patriarchy system is a system where men are in authority over women in all aspects of society and the position of women is under than men. In this case Victoria tries to break the

patriarchy system to be independent and prove that women can be equal with men, women are not always as delicate and emotional creature, and women also can be tough and logical creature. Victoria's actions do men's activities such as play archery, chess and horse riding are her brave movements to break down the patriarchy system because we know that, women aren't allowed to do that things because women are demanded not to do danger and brain activity. But Victoria successfully breaks the stereotype that explains women as delicate and emotional creature to be tough, logical and brave creature by doing that activity. While the researcher analyze the main character struggle (Rachel) in uncovering the truth about Megan's death in the novel *The Girl On The Train* used by feminism approach.

From the third studies above the researcher get some information about the struggle in the novel "*The Girl On The Train*", and also researcher get a lot of pictures related to the struggle – women in determining their rights. And outlining the impacts of the main character struggle in uncovering the truth of Megan's death in the novel "*The Girl On The Train*" in this analysis, the researcher used the feminism approach.

## **1.7 Theoretical Bases**

In this theoretical bases researcher explain the definitions of feminism and the Theory of feminism. As the researcher know that the foundation of theory is crucial to supporting researcher in analyzing a literary work, so researcher used some theories and concepts to related the topics that focus on social issues and Relationship with the struggle of women especially to the main character struggle.

### **1.7.1 Theory of Feminism**

According to (Bennet:2000:5). Feminism is includes seeking to establish equal opportunities for women in environment and employment. A feminism generally self-defines as advocating for or supporting the rights and equality of women. Feminism theory is one of the theories that tell about the movements of women developed in various disciplines that respond to the issues concerned with male violence against women. And in the lexical sense of feminism is a women's movement that demands full right between women and men.

Feminism is a theory of equality between men and women in the political, economic and social fields or organized activities that fight for women's right the interests of women. (Goefe,1986:21).

From the explanations above the research try to understanding that feminism theory from Goefe, he described is the presence of these women's feminism movement can issue voice to fight for equal rights with men in the economic and social.

### **1.7.2 Concept of the Struggles of Woman**

As we know that the problems of women are always happening among the people, especially in the fight for their right and strive to find out the truth about violence that is asked by men. Women's struggles often known as a feminism are growing in society. In addition, the struggle of women has also now become objects of study. According to Marsam (2000: 181) The struggle comes from the word that means struggle a fight for survival or independence of the State. The struggle in this research effort is mean as a woman in order to defend the rights and dignity of women who are oppressed due to arbitrary injustice of considerable cultural flourishing in society. Meaning struggle is hard work and efforts in achieving a good thing as the key to success.



From this it then appears feminism as a theory of social movements. Ben Agger (1998), stating that the great achievement of the theory of feminism is that it is not just about the dehortion but also about the acts of good in the form of consciousness built by the distinctive women's experience of the truth, knowledge and Power.

Based on the statement above, the researcher concludes that women are always considered weak, and are not entitled to power other than that they also struggle to be free from the oppression and arbitrary injustices of men. The fact that women have the ability in various ways. As depicted in the novel *The Girl on the train* where a woman struggles to get evidence of the truth behind the cruelty or violent male to female.

According to Fakhri feminism is a struggle in order to transform the system and unjust social structures toward justice for men and women. (1995:88).

From the explanations above the researcher would like to understanding feminist. Fakhri describe above is a struggle to transform the system and unjust social structures toward justice from a men. Fakhri divides feminism into two types as follow:

#### **1.7.2.1 Socialist Feminism**

This current considers that social construction as a source of injustice against women. Included in these are stereotypes that attached to women. The oppression of women occurred in any class, even the socialist revolution did not necessarily raise the position of women. Mansour Fakhri (2007:90).

#### **1.7.2.2 Liberal Feminism**

Liberal feminism view the discrimination of women who are treated unfairly. whereas women should have the same opportunities as men to succeed in society. according to liberal feminists gender justice can start from ourselves. First, rules must be fair. second, there are no parties that use each other in a group of people and the system used must be systematic and there are no losses. According to Tong (2009:2).

From the explanations above, the researcher shows that between socialist feminism and liberal feminism equally explains about the struggles of women to get their right from the male violence. Actually there are several kinds of feminism. But in here the researcher only focus on social feminism and liberal feminism because it related with the research of researcher about the struggles of women especially in the main character.

There are several types of feminism. but here the researcher only present two types of feminism, namely social feminism and liberal feminism. as we know that feminism is a movement that explains about women's movements. here the researcher then looks at social feminism and liberal feminism. researcher are more likely to focus on social feminism and liberal feminism. because of this social feminism and liberal feminism, the researcher sees that it is related to the research of the researcher in responding to violence from men, as explained by Fakhri about social feminism. And according to Tong about liberal feminism. The researcher prefer social feminism and liberal feminism because both of them are relate to discussing about women's freedom from male violence as practiced by the main character, because what the researcher studies is also about the reality of social life.

### **1.7.3 The Impact of Women's Struggles**

The impact of women's struggles is that they are always depressed and feel fear or psychological disorder one of it, is compulsion resulting from the violence and the act of male to them both physically and in psychology.

### **1.7.3.1 The Violence**

The violence is an act that refers to an attitude or behavior of a person who is in human, so it affects others. Violence is divided into two types: physical and mental violence. The first is physical violence that causes a person's body to have injuries, bruises on the limbs performed by hitting a sharp weapon, such as a knife, iron or the like, causing a person's injury or lifeless (dead). And the second is mental violence, which is violence that is done indirectly but through such things as terrorized that cause a person to be compulsion or psychiatric disorder.

According to Iris Young, violence is a social practice that attacks the physical against a person or group with motifs damaging, demeaning, humiliating, or destroying the person, with heavy beating attacks, sexual violence and murder.

### **1.7.3.2 Compulsion**

Compulsion is a form of behavior when stressed. As experienced by Anna. Tom's wife she was depressed because of Tom's actions that made her depressed. Tom's affair made Anna's trust disappear and turn into hate because she felt betrayed by Tom. Compulsion faced by a person due to stress or mental disorders. This pressure arises from the failure of individuals to meet needs.

Compulsion not only comes from within, but pressure can also come from outside. According to Sigmund Freud In the concept that he states that in humans there are six parts,

namely idea, ego and super-ego. if all three work properly and balanced then humans will display a reasonable character too, but if the three elements do not work in a balanced way, and one of them is more dominant, then there will be warfare in the human mind or soul, with symptoms of restlessness, anxiety, pressure and neurosis that requires the distribution of pressure.

As in the novel "The Girl On The Train" tells of how does the author describe the struggles of a woman in uncovering male crimes against women. One of them is Megan Hipwell who died from being killed. In Rachel's struggles she had a lot of problems. At the first she was considered a suspect in Megan's death, so she was taken to the police station by detectives. Besides that she was also hated by Megan husband. His named Scott. Scott considers her a liar and misinforms about Megan's death. Not only that she was hated by Anna's wife from her ex-husband, Tom. Since the beginning of her struggle, she was considered an insane person because she was an alcoholic woman so the information she gave to their detectives did not trust her. Finally, Rachel herself tried to find strong evidence to reveal the truth about Megan's death.

### **1.7.3.3 Feminism Approach**

In analyzing research on the struggle of women in the novel "The Girl On The Train" by Paula Hawkins. Researcher used a feminism approach to analyzing or collecting data in this study. The feminism approach itself relates to the movements of women in achieving its rights. Feminism is one of the literary works that discusses problems related to the struggle of women in gaining the right to the truth, freedom and gender. The focus on women's problems in gaining freedom from male violence can be analyzed using feminism approach.

According to Humm (2007:157-158), feminism is combining the doctrine of equality of rights for women who become organized movements to attain women's rights, with an ideology of social transformation aiming to create the world For women. Humm further states that feminism is an ideology of liberation of women with the belief that women experience injustice because of her gender. As well as researchers first make a literary work as a research object. Then the theory of feminism is considered very relevant to analyse. In this study, researchers chose to use a feminism approach in analyzing the novel "The Girl On The Train".

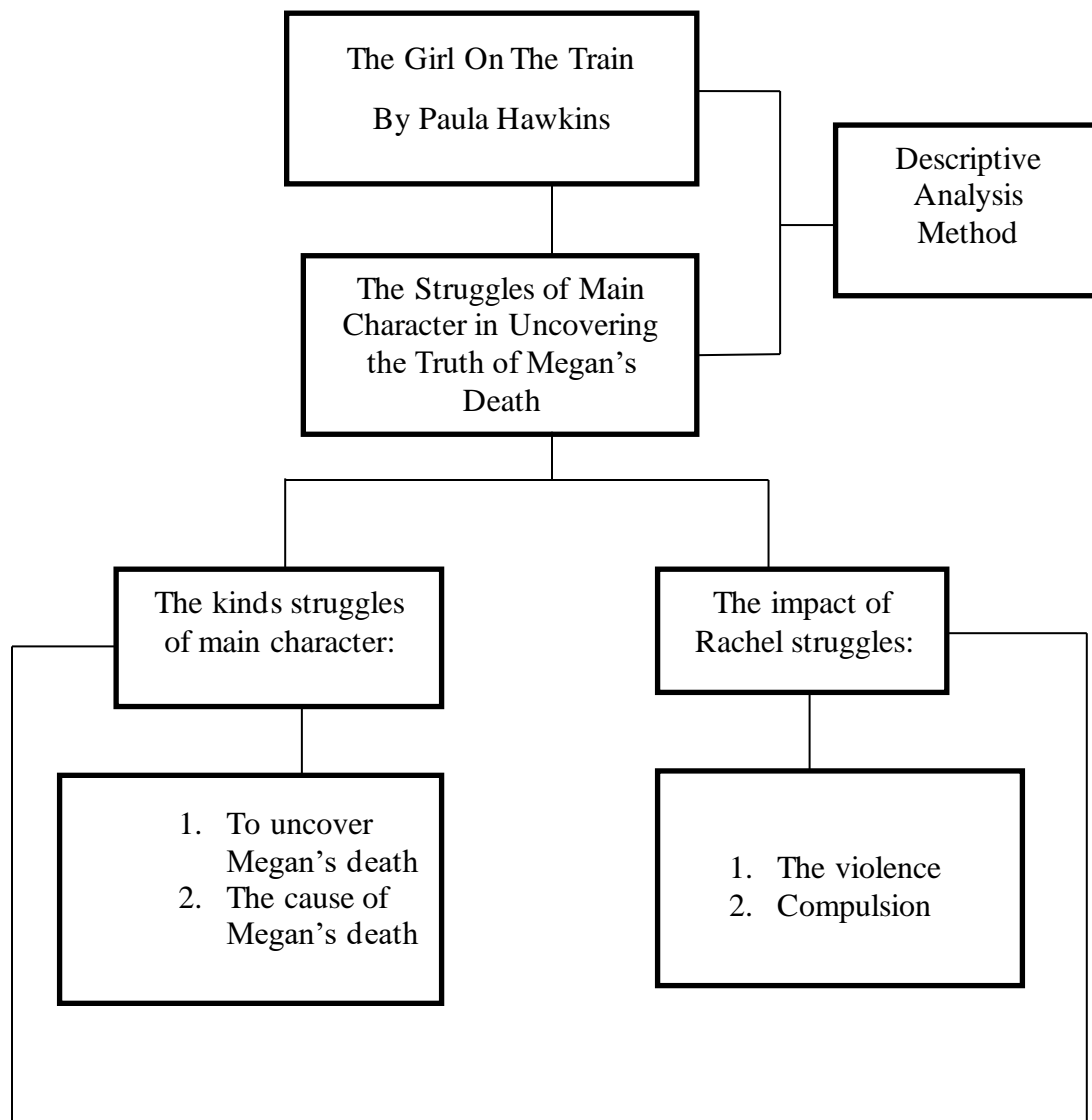
From the explanation above, researcher concluded that feminism approaches can give attention to the reader in relation to women's movements in literary work. The feminism approach is an approach that relates to the character of the main character struggle in literature as in the novel "The Girl On The Train".

#### **1.7.3.4 Characterization**

Characterization is basically a brief descriptive sketch of person who represent some definite qualities used by the authors to create her imaginary figures and their personalities. The functions of characterization in to encourage the readers empathy or sympathy. So the first of all from the experience in the reality of the functional word for himself or herself. (Dietrich and Sundel, 1985:75).

Based on this statement, the character of someone is starts from the quality of their personality by their experience.

## 1.8 Conceptual Scheme



## Feminism Approach

Firstly of this conceptual scheme above, the researcher will be elaborate the title using descriptive method and used a feminism approach to looking the struggles of main character in the novel “The Girl On The Train” by Paula Hawkins. And the conceptual scheme shows that in this research the researcher will analyze two forms of the struggle of main character, namely struggling to find out the truth and the impact of the struggle of women such as violence and psychological disorder.

And then the research also used several technique of collecting data they are reading comprehension, library research, internet research, heuristic and hermeniustic and the last several technical of analyzing data such as classification, interpretation and explanation.

### **1.9 Method of Research**

In this research researcher used the Qualitative method and a descriptive method that will be described in this bring:

#### **1.9.1 Qualitative Methods**

The research approach used in this study is the approach of feminism. The feminism approach focuses on women's struggle in novels. The methods used are qualitative methods. Because of problems relating to the phenomenon of human life basically depends on human observation itself. According to Lexy J. Moleong (2005:6), a qualitative research method is a

research that intends to understand the phenomenon experienced by the research subject. For example, behavior, perception, motivation, action, and others, holistic, and by way of description in words and language, in a natural context and by utilizing a variety of natural methods.

According to Sugiyono (2009:15), a qualitative research method is a study used to investigate, discover, describe, and explain the qualities or privileges of a social influence that cannot be explained, measured or described Through a quantitative approach.

### **1.9.2 Descriptive Methods**

Researcher chose a descriptive method as the second method of analyzing literary works. According to Sugiyono (2005:21) it states that a descriptive method is a method used to describe or analyze a research result but not used to make a broader conclusion. And the method of descriptive analysis research is a form of research aimed at the design of the existing phenomena. Both natural and human phenomena (Faruk,2012:12).

In the sample research method, a descriptive method is a method of researching the status of a group of people, an object, a set of conditions, a system of thought or an event class at present. The purpose of this descriptive study is to make descriptions, depictions, or paintings systematically, factual and accurate regarding facts, traits and relationships between the phenomena investigated. (Nazir, 1988:63).

## **1.10 Technique of Collecting Data**

### **1.10.1 Library Research**



In this study, researcher used literary studies to gather primary and secondary data, primary data taken from novels while secondary data was extracted from several references from the Internet and book references.

### **1.10.2 Reading Comprehension**

Researcher are trying to read the story correctly and better to understand the problem raised in this work.

### **1.10.3 Internet Research**

Researcher are also looking for Data from journals, pdf, related thesis to focus with analysis.

## **1.11 Technique of Analyzing Data**

Researcher have the technique of analyzing data in three types, namely:

### **1.11.1 Classification**

The researcher used classification in analyzing data. Researcher organize and classify data according to the topic or based on a problems statement about the struggles of women or Rachel who seeks to find out the truth about Megan's death in the novel "The Girl On The Train" using Feminism approach.

### **1.11.2 Interpretation**

After classifying the researcher proceed to interpret the data. Then the technique of interpretation is read in the novel "The Girl On The Train" comprehensively and carefully to produce a good and rational interpretation related to the problems.

### **1.11.3 Explanation**

When interpreted, the explanation is a technique used by researcher that is to provide works or interpretation results in forms such as text quotations, meanings and messages related to the researcher statement on the issue it.