

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The points explained in this chapter are the background of the research which discovers the source of the case and the reason why it happened, the scope of the research, the problem formulation, research objectives, and the significance of the research. These points are described as follows:

#### **Background of the Research**

Literature is a form of artistic and cultural expression that involves the use of language to create works that contain aesthetic values, cultural values, and knowledge. literary works may be interpreted as images of cultural lifestyles created in the shape of the author's creativeness and creativity (Simanjuntak et al., 2022) Literature can serve as a means of cultural conditions, a reflection of human life, a medium for conveying philosophical ideas, and can also reflect the social, political, and entertainment of a particular time. Literary works record the history and journey of a society, presenting unique values, language, and traditions that distinguish one culture from another.

Literature can help strengthen a sense of pride and awareness of cultural identity. It is important to remember that literature is more than just words arranged in written form, but also a tool to describe the world, express emotions, and communicate through language and imagination. The use of language is something that is very important in literary works, because various literary works

are formed from the use of creative and good language by writers. Language serves as a means to convey and describe one's feelings. Through language one can process ideas and thoughts that are in the heart and then expressed, and realized into something interesting and beautiful, such as: poetry, novels, and songs (Istikomah et al., 2023).

The types of literary works above, it is the song that the researcher finds most interesting. Songs are usually in the form of poetry where Poetry is one branch of literature (Marlina et al., 2020). Songs also a form of artistic expression that involves vocals or musical instruments to convey messages, emotions, and stories to listeners. Songs often have melodies, lyrics, and harmonies that combine to create musical compositions that are pleasing to the ear. Songs can be said to be part of literary works, especially poetry because song lyrics can be used as poetry and vice versa, poetry can be used as song lyrics

Music as a medium of entertainment because music can stimulate the human brain to relax by the strains of music that cause listeners happy (Marlina et al., 2020). Musical works and songs play an important role in human culture and history, and they continue to evolve over time, reflecting changes in musical tastes, technology, and lifestyles. Music and songs are also an integral part of the entertainment industry, with artists, songwriters and producers contributing to creating works that inspire and entertain millions of people around the world. Songs can come in many different types and genres, including pop, rock, jazz, hip-hop, classical, country, and more.

Viewing hip-hop music's development through the lens of song form thus represents both its roots in African American vernacular culture and assimilation into mainstream popular culture; following blues, R&B, rock 'n' roll, soul, and other genres in traversing this path (Duinker, 2021). Songs in the hip-hop genre are quite popular among young people, as hip-hop music often reflects and voices social issues faced by the younger generation, such as inequality, injustice, and everyday life issues. The lyrics speak of life experiences that can connect with the experiences and feelings of young listeners. Hip-hop has evolved into a powerful and all-encompassing cultural movement, encompassing music, art, fashion and philosophy of life. The combination of social relevance, self-identification, and popular culture factors has made hip-hop a very attractive music genre for youth around the world. songs are also widely used as a forum for resistance, such as in the case of feminism.

Feminism is a women's movement that fights for the emancipation or full equality of rights between women and men (Rohmatin Nuriana & Oktarena Ikrarini, 2022). feminism aims to fight for women's rights by establishing equality in the political, economic, personal, and social aspects of the two sexes. Feminism incorporates the position that society prioritizes the male point of view and that women are treated unfairly within that society. Efforts to change this include combating gender stereotypes and seeking to establish equal educational and professional opportunities with men.

Feminism and song are closely linked as many artists and song writers use music as a medium to voice gender issues, celebrate women, and promote feminist messages. The main goal of feminism is to improve the position and rights of women in society, politics, economics, and culture. The movement has evolved over decades and has a variety of different views and approaches. So feminism in song is one powerful way to voice justice. One song that also raises the issue of feminism is the hip-hop song.

One of many song that interests researchers is a song from an American singer, Tupac Amaru Shakur or often known by the stage names 2Pac, Makaveli, and 'Pac. Tupac's works usually raise social issues, one of which is feminism. The relationship between literature and feminism is an interesting and complex field. Feminism is a social, political, and cultural movement that seeks to achieve gender equality between women and men, and address the injustices and discrimination experienced by women. Feminist literature highlights the way women are represented in literature. Feminists examine whether women are portrayed as fair, strong, and multidimensional, or instead appear in stereotypes that limit their roles and identities.

Of his hundreds of songs, "Keep Ya Head Up" and "Wonda Why They Call U Bitch" raise the issue of feminism. In the song, Tupac talks about the importance of respecting and supporting women. His lyrics raised issues such as gender inequality, violence against women, and the life struggles faced by many women. Tupac encourages women to stay strong and overcome adversity by

upholding their self-respect. Tupac also raised the issue of the use of derogatory words against women. Tupac voiced his disapproval of the humiliation of women and reminded listeners to respect and appreciate women.

These songs have feminist values that are very useful in society because they teach fair behavior and mutual respect regardless of gender. The values contained in this song are important to instill in society to reduce the inequality of behavior and mindset that results in injustice against women. This song was voiced by Tupac Shakur to let the world know that women are not objects that should be degraded and abused. therefore this research is important to change the mindset of conservative society towards treating women.

Understanding feminism is important because it is a social and philosophical movement that aims to achieve gender equality between women and men. An understanding of feminism is not only important for individuals, but also for society as a whole. It helps to create a more just, equal and inclusive world for everyone, regardless of their sex or gender. It is not uncommon to find in everyday life injustice in the name of gender. As happens in the researcher's environment, women who are ambitious to become leaders are often underestimated and doubt their abilities just because they are women, without seeing the woman's abilities.

From the description above, the researcher chose to conduct research with the title **“THE FEMINISME IN THE SONG BY TUPAC SHAKUR”**

## **Scope of the Research**

This research is be focused on values of feminism in Tupas Shakur's Songs.

## **Problem of the Research**

Based on the background of the research above, the problem of the study as follow :

What feminist values are contained in the lyrics of Tupac Shakur's songs?

## **Objective of the Research**

Related to the statement of the problem above, the research objective is to find out the values of the Feminism in the Tupac Shakur's songs.

## **Significance of the Research**

### **1. Theoretical Significance**

This research is expected to enrich and develop knowledge in terms of mutual respect by understanding feminism, especially in Tupac Shakur's songs.

### **2. Pratical Significance**

The researcher hopes that the results of this study can be used for:

#### **a. Lecturer**

In this study, researchers want to tell that songs can be made as an alternative learning media for the lecturer to teach the issue of feminim.

b. Students

The result of this research is expected to be as a medium for the student to the concept of feminism values in the songs by Tupac Shakur.

c. Future Researcher

The result of this research is expected to be a reference for the future researcher who are interested in the same topic.