

# Chapter I

## Introduction

### 1.1 Research Background

Human is the most perfect creation of God. Human being cannot live by themselves, they will surely interact and communicate with the social community. Language is their media to communicate everyday. Language is their prime media to express what human have on their thoughts, current feelings and opinions. Moreover, human also can create a literary works by using the language, it can be spoken or written form which is usually called literature. Novel, short story, poem, drama and song are some examples of literary works.

Diyanni (2001:7) states that there are three major types of literary work such as: poetry, drama, and fiction. Meanwhile fiction can also be divided into novel and short story. Novel as one of literary works certainly contents many aspects which basically based on the quality of human life. On the other word, novel is the combination between the imagination of the author and the real life experiences.

Every novel was created with their own purpose. The purposes of novel in real life are to entertain and give benefit to its readers. We could get knowledge, entertainment, information and messages by reading the novel. A moral value is one kind of message that usually provides by the author in the literary works to be

conveyed to its readers. Values or as known as moral values play an important role of an intrinsic element in the story. In the novel, the moral values are described through the characters' attitude and behavior; whether the characters have a good or bad attitude. It can be seen in *Oliver Twist* novel by Charles Dickens.

Graham Little (1970:101-102) states that a novel develops a theme which is one of the best ways to express moral and social thought. By using obvious pictures of its time guides us to perceive that we comprehend its setting. It invites us that we have lived in it.

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian Era. *Oliver Twist* is the second most-well known works that Charles Dickens ever wrote, it was published in 1838. It remains popular and also adapted into several films. *Oliver Twist* is best known for its exposing the cruel treatment of the many orphans in London in the 19<sup>th</sup> century story.

By reading this inspiring novel, the writer feels enchanted on the plot of the novel. The story was influential in bringing to the cruel treatment of poor and orphans in Dickens's time. The author describes the struggle of Oliver Twist being an orphan where he always gets mistreatment from people around him. The writer found out many moral values hidden in the story that can teach the readers to be a better person in real life

Moral is a human's life seen from the good sides by human, where as the norms of moral are the parameter of determining good or bad human's behavior (Magis Suseno, 1998). Moral values as one of the important elements in the novel are also a very important role in our daily lives. Moral values are our guideline to decide which is right and wrong. Therefore, we need to learn moral values in order to be human beings with quality which is useful for the surrounding community.

In Pasundan University, there are some research papers discussing about moral values such as Arief Kurniawan's research paper entitled *An Analysis of Moral Messages in Hallstrom's Hachiko Movie*, it was written on 2011. In this research, the writer also wanted to analyze about moral values. The messages in this novel was being conveyed by a famous literary author named Charles Dickens with his *Oliver Twist*. Thus, the writer conducted the title of the study is **An Analysis of Moral Values in Dickens' *Oliver Twist***.

## **1.2 . Identification of the Problem**

After reading the novel, there are many interesting parts that the writer found in the story and that will be the reason for the writer to analyze this novel. The writer conducts the moral values behind the story of *Oliver Twist* novel by Charles Dickens. Moral values as one of the important elements in the novel are

also a very important role in our daily lives. Moral are the guidelines in our social life because it will control the quality of our life to be a good person.

### **1.3 Research Questions**

Referring to the background above, the writer would like to analyze the moral values of the novel, so the writer formulates her problem as follows:

- What are the moral values in Dickens' *Oliver Twist*?
- How the author is conveyed the moral values in the novel?

### **1.4 Limitation of the Study**

Limitation of the study is needed to be the base of everything which is related to the solution of the problem itself. In order to make the study more specific, the writer only focuses on moral values that the author conveyed in the story. The writer chooses the novel written by Charles Dickens entitled *Oliver Twist*.

### **1.5 The Objectives of the Study**

Every study has certain purposes. The writer has purpose of this study is to describe the moral values that the author conveyed to its readers in the story by analyzing it using the chosen theories. The writer will be discussed are as follows:

1. To discover the moral values represented in *Oliver Twist* novel.

2. To find out the way the author conveyed the moral values in *Oliver Twist* novel.

### **1.6 Significance of the Study**

The significance of writing this paper was expected to be useful both theoretically and practically. There are some significances of the study, as follows:

1. Theoretically

The results of this study are expected to be beneficial for readers, society and any other researcher in educational field to get motivated in analyzing some literary works especially Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist* in analyzing the moral values.

2. Practically

The results of this study are expected to provide some information and knowledge in analyzing novel that might be useful especially analyzing the moral values in literary works.