

CHAPTER III

Research Methodology

This chapter covers the research method of the present study and includes of the Research Method, Procedures of data collection and Data analysis.

3.1 Research Design

In this chapter, the writer explains about the steps for preparing the data which are related to the research. These are three steps, the first step is planning the research, which contains about how the writer chooses the title until finding the novel for this research. The second step is implementing the research, which is contain of how the writer can get the data from the novel. And the final step is reporting the research, in this part the writer tells or reports about how the form of the data will be used.

1. Planning the Research

At the very first step, the writer has been choosing a best-seller novel from one of the best Stephen Chbosky's collections, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* and then the writer submitting proposal titled *An Analysis of The Main Character of Chbosky's: The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, this captures adolescent angst, confusion and joy. This novel also a modern classic novel and deeply affecting coming-of-age story. Then after the title has been confrimed, the writer continues this research with the same title. This research will find out about the factors that influence the main character, Charlie's personality growth in several aspects which is from how the way he act, he talks to other, etc. For this research, the writer reads

the original novel of Stephen Chbosky's and answer the research questions that has been mentioned in the first chapter. In addition, the writer also has another theory books to completing this research.

2. Implementing the Research

As mentioned above, this research, selects one of the best-selling novel entitled *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. The data of this research were taken by a close reading. Close reading is a reading techniques by many times and understanding the meaning of the novel and it can also make the writer feel what the character feels in the novel.

By reading the novel thoroughly and critically as textual evidence in order to answer the research question. In addition, the writer also watches the movie that has the same title with the novel for getting more data and giving more information about the main character.

3. Reporting the Research

The data are from the dialogue or narrative in the novel. Then, the text is analyzed by using secondary resources related to theories or subjectivity. Through a textual analysis approach, the writer tries to get the best interpretation in order to answer the research question. The witer has done a close reading the novel for several times in order to find evidences that can lead the analysis to answer the personality growth whom influence Charlie as the main character in the novel.

3.2 Research Method

This study is conducted within a descriptive text analysis by applying a qualitative method, qualitative method wants to gives the aspect about the main character in the novel and to get the data in form of descriptive, furthermore, the writer wants to give a detail explanation about this research. Related to the objectives of the study, this study uses textual analysis as the technique for the research to analyze the main character in the novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

3.3 The Procedures of Data Collection

This research mostly deals with the narrative textual analysis, the data of the study are in the form of words, phrases and sentences. The data were collected by reading the novel thoroughly. It is because the study deals with the narrative textual analysis as textual evidence in order to answer the research questions. Here are the following steps have been taken as follows:

1. Selecting the subject of the study, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky.
2. Reading the whole novel in many times to get the best understanding and some books that related to the research to get more data for the research.
3. Writing notes and highlighting the acts, thoughts, dialogues and narratives from the character that influence the main characters in the novel as the textual evidences.
4. Interpreting and Reviewing, after collecting the data, the writer interpreting and reviewing the narrative textual evidence data.

3.4 The Technique of Analyzing the Data

In analyzing the influence of the main character's personality growth, this research uses qualitative method, after all data have been collected, the writer analyzes with the characterization theory by Albertine Minderop to answer the questions. The reasons of taking the characterization theory, because the problem that the writers have in the chapter two is related to this method and this method can analyze the data from the point of view of the acts, thoughts and dialogue in the novel. Minderop theory is used in the author's description of the main character and for the main character's personality. Here are the following steps have been taken as follows:

1. Analyzing the collected data using the theory of characterization by Albertine Minderop.
2. Interpreting and discussing the data based on the theory of the research.
3. Making conclusion and suggestion for the further study.