

Chapter I

Introduction

1.1 Background of the Research

Literature as an art form include any collection of written work, especially prose, fiction, drama, and poetry. As a reflection of a society, the story in the literary works have connection with social life. It mirrors the ills and the virtue of the society. The story in literary work entertains and educate us, because it can teach us lesson to understand about our live in the present by learning about the past and empowering the future.

The literary expression resulted the experience of existing deposits in the author's life in depth though a process of imagination (Aminuddin, 1990:57) from that explanation it can be concluded that there is good relationship between literary works and phenomena in real life. The story in the novel generally is the reflection of the life that occurs in society. Literary works built by two main elements. Which are intrinsic and extrinsic elements. According to Forster (2005:16) stated that the important elements in prose are character, theme, plot, setting, and point of view. That being said, those elements build the literary work itself. Literary works consist of many forms and novel is one of the major forms of literature, The term "novel" is now applied to a great variety of writings that have in common only the attribute of being extended works of fiction written in prose (A Glossary of Literary Terms, 1998:190). It is distinguished from short story and contains variety, greater plot or plots, and more exploration of character and motives.

The series of events through the life of a character is connected. The way the character make decision when they are facing problems or finding the solution after a conflict, from the start to the end contribute to the plot. In this research the writer would only analyze about plot and characterization. From literary work in the form of novel, the writer interested in analyze the plot and characterization in the novel *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne. As plot is the most important part of the story as the series of events and actions that drives the narrative forward. To keep the story moving with building the conflict in the characters life to keep the reader engaged. If there is no plot, the reader will be confused and the aim of the story cannot be delivered. Literature is human personal expression especially thought, feeling, enthusiasm, and concept in a certain description. Also, according to Van Dyke (2013: 243) Literature consists of those writings which interpret the meaning of nature and life, in words of charm and power, touched with the personality of the author, in artistic forms of permanent interest". Based on the explanation above it can be concluded that, novel as one of the products of literary work also represented in the explanation.

As an invented prose narrative which is relatively long and published as a book, novel also has complexity of imagination that related to human experience. The work of fiction imitates a world that precedes the text, and critics should recapture that world primarily by formal analysis of the text, although knowledge of the historical context and author are often important (Schwarz, 1986: 4). According to the explanation above it can be concluded that novel is not expected to be didactic, even though it is based on reality.

Beside uses as something to entertain or educate, because literature reflects the society, the reader could get some new knowledge from it.

The writer found out useful reference from previous research as reference in this paper. The research is entitled "An Analysis of Plot and Characterization in Sparks's the Choice" written by Siti Halimah Tussadiyah (2017) from English Literature study program, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Pasundan University. The research focused on analyze the plot and characterizat on of Spark's the choice. The objective of the study is about the writer who wants to analyze the kind of plot used by the writer and depth understanding about the novel through a plot. Also, to understand about how the author creates the characters.

The difference between the previous research is on the object of the research, in previous research the object is a novel tittled "The Choice" by Nicholas Spark, while this research uses a novel tittled "Around the World in Eighty Days" by Jules Verne. The similarity in this research are both focusing on analyzing the plot and characterization and using the theory by Koesmobroto. Also, the main characters and genres in both novels are different.

In this paper, the writer choose to analyzed a novel tittled "Around the World in Eighty Days" by Jules Verne. The story starts in London on Wednesday, 2 October 1872. Described about Mr Phileas Fogg, which is a rich British gentleman living a solitary life. He is wealthy and lives a modest life with habits carried out with mathematical precision. He spends most of his time at Reform club, which is a private members' club on the south side of Pall Mall in central London, England. That place is the place when the bet between him

and other members of Reform Club due and resulted into his attempt to travel around the world in eighty days. At the Reform Club, Fogg gets involved in an argument over an article in The Daily Telegraph stating that with the opening of a new railway section in India, it is now possible to travel around the world in 80 days.

In this journey he is accompanied by his servant, French Valet Passepartout. Fogg departs from London by train at 8:45 p.m. on 2 October; and he must return to the club by this same time on 21 December, 80 days later.

This novel was written during difficult times, both for France and Verne. He was having financial difficulties, at that time when he was conscripted as a coast guard. His father also died during that time and there was public execution which disturbed him (Oxford Worlds Classic, 1995: Introduction).

The writer chooses *Around the World in Eighty Days* to be analyzed because of the interesting story and genres. The novel shows about how a person who is trying to circumnavigate the world in eighty days which sounds impossible at that time in the book. With the help of his servant, he planned an itinerary to travel around the world and back in time as the bet that has been set up by the member of reform club, which is the place where he spends most of his time. The idea of traveling around the world first came to his mind because he read a newspaper article stating that there is a new railway section in India, which could help him to make it possible to travel around the world in eighty days. The technological innovations of the 19th century had opened the possibility of rapid circumnavigation and the prospect fascinated Verne and

his readership. In his journey there are lots of unexpected accidents and love story. There are so many countries that visited in the story, each country has their own culture and caused culture shock to Fogg and his servant.

The main reason that catches the writer's attention is the interesting story of the journey and how the author conveyed the plot of the story through the novel. Literature indeed reflects the society, whether the good or bad. Also, as imitation of human's life. It is mirroring and projecting the life in a way as the author's projecting the plot that he wants or in general it is the tool for the author to express their feelings. With that reason the writer thought it will be interesting to do research of it. In this research the author intends to discuss and analyze how the author described the plot and characterization.

1.2 Identification of the Problems

According to the research background above, the writer found some problem as follows the tittle, they are:

1. The genre of this novel is adventure fiction, but there are a lot of events and conflicts that happened during the journey around the world. With the differences of the culture and unexpected love story, this novel is interesting to discuss.
2. With the journey around the world, characters in this story will face a new world that will push their character to solve their unexpected problem, it will be interesting to see how the characterization in this novel presented.
3. So that people can be easier to explore the plot and characterization in the literary works.

1.3 Limitation of the Problems

In doing this research, the writer provides description of the plot and main characters develops in the novel while experiencing the journey around the world with so many unexpected events and environment. The primary datum in this research is Jules Verne's work "Around the World in Eighty Days" (1873).

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1.4 Research Questions

In this study, the research questions are mainly made by the background of the study above and the writer's own interest. The research questions are follows:

1. How the plot arranged in the novel Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne?
2. How the author conveyed the characterization of Mr. Phileas Fogg and Passepartout in the novel?

1.5 Objectives of the Study

1. To find out about the plot of the novel Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne. It is specially aimed at knowing about the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution in the storyline.
2. To find out about how the characters created by the author in the novel, which influenced the story and describing the characterization of Mr. Fogg and Passepartout.

1.6 Significance of the Study

To reveals the plot and characters of the novel. The writer hopes this research could be useful for the reader who like reading novel and English Department of Pasundan University. Also, to add more scientific writing to study and analyze about the plot and characteristic on the novel.

1. Theoretical

This research can give theoretical benefits related to literary work especially in the form of novel. Also, the benefit about applying and understanding theories of plot, character and characterization. Also about the implementation of plot and characterization as part of intrinsic elements.

2. Practical

This research was conducted to help the people/community who has interest in novel and would like to know about plot and characterization. Also, as reference and guidance for student who are interested to conduct same research.