

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of six sub chapters. Those are background of the study, statements of research problem, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

Life is a journey. The ultimate goal of someone's journey is happiness. In fact, the road of someone's journey may not always be smooth. Along the way, he or she will face many challenges. Sometimes it is good, but sometimes it is also bad. Along the journey some challenges will test our courage, faith, strengths, and weaknesses. The experience that happens to someone along the journey can influence someone's life. In other words, every experience of someone's life can determine whether good or bad is someone's journey. However, it definitely depends on the environment. The role of one person also has an effect to the other person.

In our daily life, there are many things related to attitude, behavior, and ethic. Further, domination had been used in everyday life. Domination includes behavior and environment of someone because the environment affects someone's behavior. Therefore, someone who has ability to dominate others then he or she can easily be a winner or a leader.

There are some reasons the writer conducts this study. The topic of this study is domination. The novel of this study is *The Hunger games* by Collins. The writer uses Gramsci's hegemony theory. All of the elements are combined to accomplish this study. According to Anderson (1976), the definition of hegemony is complicated by the use of the word in two diametrically opposed senses: first, to mean domination as in 'hegemonism'; and secondly, to mean leadership, implying some notion of consent (Bottomore, 1983, p. 229-230). Hegemony theory by Antonio Gramsci describes about domination. This study describes about Capitol's domination, it can be analyzed using hegemony theory by Antonio Gramsci.

Another reason the writer chooses this novel is because it wins so many awards. This novel becomes the film adaptation directed by Garry Ross and Co-Produced Suzanne Collins herself in 2012. Suzanne Collins was named to the TIME 100 list as the Entertainment weekly Entertainers of the year list. Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games* receives:

New York Times bestseller, USA today bestseller, publisher weekly's best books of 2008: children's fiction, New York Times notable children's book of 2008, an American library association, top ten best books for young adults selection, winter '08/'09 children's indie next list, 2008 Cybil award-fantasy and science fiction, 2009 children's choice book award, A New York Times editors' choice, school library journal best book of 2008, boarders best books of 2008: teens, Amazon best book of 2008: top 100 editor's pick and top 10 book: teens, etc. (Collins, 2013, p. 1).

Domination as the topic in this study is decided, because it gives some purposes to the reader. Therefore, in analyzing *The Hunger Games* novel using

hegemony theory is interesting because it is related to the reality of human life. This study is expected to give more understanding the knowledge how person or group dominates others. According to Hake (2001), “Every poem, play or story deals with some aspect of our life and experience. Sometimes it has been said that literature is a mirror which reflects life for us (p. 01).

The novel entitled *The Hunger Games* by *Suzanne collins* tells about the journey of the main character named Katniss Everdeen who lives with her sister named Prim and her mother in district twelve. The Hunger games is arranged every year by the Capitol, every districts have to represent one male and one female tribute. The Capitol selects the tributes randomly or someone can replace the persons who are selected as a volunteer to change the tribute position. The representations from district twelve are Katniss and Peeta to follow The Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is the game that requires someone who is strong, great fighter, and good defend to win the game. The Hunger Games is created by Snow as Capitol’s president who ruled over all. The capitol’s president who dominates all districts is interesting to be analyzed. He used his power to reach what he wants. Hegemony is the appropriate theory that can help the writer to explain and show about the domination of Capitol’s president in *The Hunger Games*. Hence, the writer selects this theory to analyze this novel.

There have been some studies which analyze the same source of data. (Shiddiq, 2014; Fatmawati, 2014). The first study by Shiddiq Santoso entitled *The*

Main Character's Striving for Success in Suzanne Collins's The Hunger Games. His study focuses on the striving of the main character named Katniss Everdeen towards the final goal in *Hunger Games* by using Alder's individual psychology. Meanwhile, the second study by Fatmawati Rizqiyah entitled *An Analysis of a Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games Novel Seen Through Hegemony.* Her study focuses on how the bourgeoisie community hegemony is depicted and why they do hegemony in the novel by using Gramsci's hegemony theory. From the explanation above, it can be known that even this study and the previous studies use the same source of data, but the position of this study is different, because this study focuses on the ways of Capitol dominates other districts and how the effects to the main characters and everyone in districts. There is no study which analyzes the ways of Capitol dominates other districts and how the effects to the main characters and everyone in districts in Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games* using hegemony theory by Antonio Gramsci. In another word, this is the first study which analyzes the ways of Capitol dominates other districts and how the effects of their domination in the novel entitled *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

1.2 Statements of the Research Problem

1. How are the dominations of Capitol described in the novel?
2. How are the effects of the domination of Capitol to the main characters and everyone in all districts elaborated in the novel?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

1. To elaborate how the dominations of Capitol were described in the novel.
2. To elaborate how the effects of the domination of Capitol to the main characters and everyone in all districts were elaborated in the novel.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically, this study is expected to give more information about hegemony theory by Antonio Gramsci. Besides, this study is expected to give the contribution for the upcoming study. Practically, this study is expected to give the contribution for the society in order to know what hegemony is. Especially for everyone who wants to be a leader should be aware that not everyone is happy with hegemony.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is hegemony theory. This study is limited on the characters' utterances and author's narrations which are portraying the domination of Capitol in the novel entitled *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.