

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter is discussing about the introduction of this study. This section is divided into 6 parts, which is background of the study, statements of the problem, objectives of the study, significances of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key terms. Each part is consists by the reasons of the writer to compose this study, in purpose to give the knowledge to the readers.

### 1.1 Background of the Study

People are doing anything to get their goals with the every condition of their life. Nevertheless, few people do not know how to solve the problem of their life. Moreover how to pass through the trouble condition alone and nobody can save them. However, people can reach the goals of their life if they can surpass any challenges step by step to break the wall of the problem, can be called as success.

Below are the reasons why the writer is creating this study. The topic of this study is striving for success. The novel of this study is *Hunger Games* by Collins. The theory which has been chosen is individual psychology by Alfred Adler. All of the elements are combined to accomplish this study.

Striving for success as the topic in this study is decided, because it has some purposes to the reader. This study is never been analyzed by another writer. Analyzing the *Hunger Games* novel with individual psychology theory is reflected with human life reality. This study is expected to give understanding about the

knowledge of how to be a success person. Every poem, play or story deal with some one aspect of human life for us. It has sometimes been said that literature is like a mirror that reflects life for us (Hake, 2001:01).

The novel entitled *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins has selected as the source of this study. This novel has striving for success factor inside. *Hunger Games* tells about Katniss Everdeen as the main character who lives with her mother and her sister Prim in district twelve. Every year the capitol arranges the Hunger Games, each district must be represented by one male and one female tribute. The tributes are selecting randomly or someone can be signed as a volunteer to change the other tribute position. Hunger Games is the game where the tributes are should be killing each other until the game is over by one tribute as the winner, it makes this game needs the person who really strong, great fighter, healthy psychological to winning it. Male tribute in district twelve is Petta Mellark and for the female tribute is Prim (Katniss sister). Katniss replace Prim position as the volunteer in this game. Finally she is joining the hunger games against twenty three other tributes including her district comrade. In the main story Katniss shocks when she knows that Petta is hanging around with another district to defeat the rest tributes. Striving for her precious person becomes the big motivation for Katniss in the story.

Another reason the novel is selected because it wins so many awards. This story becomes the film adaptation directed by Garry Ross and Co-Produced by Suzanne Collins herself in 2012. Collins herself as the famous writer or novelist was

named to the TIME 100 list as well as the Entertainment weekly Entertainers of the years list. Through composing this novel Suzanne Collins receives:

New York Times bestseller, first USA today best seller, Wall Street journal best seller, publishers weekly bestseller book of 2008: children fiction, New York Times notable children's book of 2008, an American library association, top ten best book of young adult selection, first winter '08/'09 children indie next list, teen choice book of the years finalist, school library journal best book of 2008, Amazon best book of 2008: top 100 editor's pick and top 10 teens books, etc. (Collins, 2013).

This study is analyzing the novel entitled *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins with the individual psychology by Alfred Adler theory. The writer chooses Individual psychology by Alfred Adler because it suitable with striving for success by Alfred Adler in this study. This theory is never been used to analyze *Hunger Games* novel. Individual psychology describes about how to striving to get the final goal (Success). The main character in this novel shows how she struggles in hunger games and success with saving her precious person in the end of the story. There are two directions to get the final goal, which are personal superiority and success. Final goal personal superiority is concern only for personal gain. In contrast with success final goal, this final goal more concern for social interest. In this study the writer uses success direction, because Collins's does not explain about personal gain of Katniss Everdeen in the novel.

According to Adler in J. Feist & G. J. Feist (2009:70), he own childhood is marked by physical deficiencies and strong feelings of competitiveness with his older brother. Individual psychology holds that everyone begins life with physical deficiencies that activate feelings of inferiority, feeling that motivate a person to

strive for either superiority or success. In the beginning of the story, Suzanne Collins explains about the main character (Katniss Everdeen) is feeling inferiority. It can be observed in the *Hunger Games* story, as an ordinary girl in her district Katniss Everdeen has to fight against strong man and woman and she never kills people before. However, she needs to eliminate her weakness and increase her power. She needs to find a way to finish the game without causing trouble of her precious person (final goal). The final goal to protect her precious person is able to transform her weakness become her power. In the end of the story she is successful to receive her final goal. By this mean, Individual psychology can be linked with literary work, it can be seen that Alfred's theory is the main focus to the main character in *Hunger Games* novel.

This study is expected to be able to help the readers to comprehend the novel well. The study can be reflected in reality life. The example from this study can be seen when Katniss is struggling to protect her sister (Prim) "Prim!" The strangled cry comes out of my throat, and my muscles begin to move again. "Prim!" I don't need to shove through the crowd. "I volunteer!" I gasp. "I volunteer as tributes!" (Collins, 2008:23). From that quotation, it shows that Katniss is willing to sacrifice her life to protect her sister. It can be seen in the real life, when the parents who are striving for happiness for their child, they are doing anything for their child. It is interesting for the readers who want to develop their mentality. From the example above, it can be observed that people become more powerful in purpose to protect their precious person better than people who only striving for their personal gain. Hopefully the

readers can get important point of striving for success and something new for references to make another study. The readers will get the knowledge about human being's personality also. Literature has wide range of knowledge including psychology. Literature and psychology has strong relationship each other.

Since the discussion about *Hunger Games* novel is very interesting, there have already been two studies that discuss *Hunger Games* novel. The first study from Lejkowsky (2012), his thesis he discusses about childhood trauma and the imagination in American literature. In this study he analyzes the *Hunger Games* trilogy and *Harry Potter* series, a critical conflict of the novel concern the mind of a child who dealing with trauma, especially trauma over the loss of parents. The study reflected with childhood trauma throughout literary canon. Next from Makaresz (2009), she writes the thesis entitled Representation of the Adolescent Crisis: group identity versus alienation (a novel manuscript and exegesis). The study described about *Hunger Games* as the first trilogy which indicates Suzanne Collins as the writer has left the way open for Katniss to begin her exploration in subsequent novels. Both study have the same novel with this study, still the data which use to analyze this study is different from the two things, the use of the theory and the source of data. The study uses the psychology and literature theory and individual psychology theory by Alfred Adler. The source of data is just the novel entitled *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

## 1.2 Statement of the Problems

Related to background of the study, this study discusses the striving for superiority of main character in Suzanne Collins's *Hunger Games* novel:

1. How are feeling of inferiority experienced by Katniss Everdeen in the novel?
2. How are the social interest faced by Katniss Everdeen in the novel?
3. How are success (Final Goal) received by Katniss Everdeen in the novel?

## 1.3 Objectives of the Study

In line with the statement of research problem previously, these objectives of the study to elaborate:

1. The kind of feeling inferiority of main character in the novel.
2. The kinds of social interest of main character in the novel.
3. The kind of success (Final Goal) of main character in the novel.

## 1.4 Significances of the Study

In the result for the purpose above, this study also expected to bring benefit of theoretically and also practically:

1. Theoretically, this is expected to be able to give example of literary criticism by using Individual Psychology in *Hunger Games* novel.
2. Practically, this study arranges for the writer can reach the formulated objectives appropriately, it will give deep understanding about striving theory which approach in *Hunger Games* novel. Another reason this study

will give the readers knowledge about human being's personality based on psychological point of view.

In addition this study is expected to be references and alternative information to the readers and another writer. The study on psychology of survival in Suzanne Collins's *Hunger Games* novel, give contribution to the wide range of literary study. For this reason this study needs to be followed and completed through other writer with the same subject or object of the study.

### **1.5 Scope and Limitation**

The scopes of this study are psychology and literature and individual psychology. The study is analyzing the main character's striving to achieve her final goal. Then this study is limited to character's utterance or author's narration in the novel.

### **1.6 Definition of Key Term**

To avoid any possibilities of misunderstanding, and make the reader easier to catch the point of the study, some definition of important words will be presented as fellows:

1. Striving is the effort to achieve the goal.
2. Success is the great result of the struggle.
3. Hunger Games is the thriller games which consist by 24 tributes who are killing each other to get one person standing as a winner.