

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the explanation some parts of the introduction. They are a background of the study, statement of research problems, objectives of the study, significances of the study, and the scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of Study

History is a big phenomena that happens in the world. Every country has the history in the past. The World War II was the big history in the world and never forgotten. In this discussion the World War II involved 2 sides between German and France. Usually, the world war contributes to build the big history in the world. In other hand, the big history also inspires the author to write the history in the literature and become the amazing history fiction that interpret from the real condition at that time in the other version.

The novel which tells about world war II is *All The Light We Cannot See* is a novel written by Anthony Doerr in 2015. Anthony Doerr is an American author of novels and short stories. The awards include New York Public library's Young Lions fiction Award, Winner, The Shell Collector (2003), Ohioana Book Award for *About Grace* and *Memory Wall*, respectively (2005,2011), Guggenheim Fellowship (2010), The Story Prize, Winner *Memory Wall* (2011), Sunday Times EFG Private Bank Short Story Award, Winner, 'The Deep' (2011), finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction (2014), Pulitzer in fiction (2014)

Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction (2015), and Pulitzer Prize for *All The Light We cannot See* (2015). He was write some of novel and short story such as: *The Shell Colector* (2002), *About Grace* (2004), *Memory Wall* (2010), *Four Season in Rome* (2007), *All The Light We Cannot See* (2014). (All The Light We Cannot See, Wikipedia)

The novel *All The Light We Cannot See* gets some of awards as Pulitzer in fiction 2014 and Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction 2015. The novel *All The Light We Cannot See* become a best seller novel in 2014. The novel is the second champion in the Dayton Literary Peace Prize in fiction 2015 and gets the Ohioana Library Association in fiction 2015. This novel gives the information about Nazi's German attack of France close by Museum National History. The war has close relation to explain the condition of the society under the power of Nazi. It makes the reader feel as being the main characters suffer in the story. The conflicts about warfare, love, and the real condition of society in the era of World War II in France. Although, this novel is not being written in the World War II era, but the story is well-arranged, amazing, and interesting plot. The author has been research about the real story that was hidden by Nazi and interviewing the person who live in that era.

All The Light We cannot See discuss in the period of World War II is behind the blind story of Marie-Laure and Werner as German engineer. Marie-Laure lived with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where her father worked and assigned to guard a much precious diamond called the "Sea of Flames". So that, when she was 6 years old, Marie-Laure got blind then the

Nazis attack France in 1940, Marie-Laure fled with her father to Saint-Malo to protect themselves and save diamonds sought by the German.

The novel *All The Light We Cannot See* is chosen by the writer as source of data, because it tells about the condition in France when Nazi's German takeover the power of France and interesting to be analyzed. Additionally, in this study the research searched in google that this novel has not been analyzed used Historicism Theory like thesis and journal. Literary work inspired from real history should be analyzed between literary text and non-literary text (history text). Furthermore, the ideology existed in the novel is also to be interpreted. Historicist argues that history is subjective. It means that depend on who create the history.

The appropriate theory that should be applied is Historicism approach. This theory to be used in analyzing *All The Light We Cannot See* novel. "historicism is a method based on the parallel reading of literary and non-literary texts usually of the same historical period" It means that the Historicism is the method based to analysis the data of literary and non-literary text. Literary work as novel and non-literary as the real life or real event.

1.1 Statement of the Research Problems

Based on the background of the study which has explained above, there are two questions for the statement of the problem.

1. How is social-political condition in the novel *All The Light We Cannot See*?

2. How are the historical period, geographical place, and local culture in the novel *All The Light We Cannot See* ?

1.2 Objective of the Study

1. To explain the social-political condition in the novel *All The Light We Cannot See*.
2. To explain the historical period, geographical place, and local culture in the novel *All The Light we cannot see*.

1.3 Significances of the Study

The writer expects this study is beneficial both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the study has been intended to give more knowledge about literary theories, specifically in terms of Historicism theory. Meanwhile, the practically is to references for the next writer which has the same source of data or theory to be analyzed especially for the students of English Department in the future.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is the analysis history of the novel used Historicism theory. Meanwhile, this study is to analyze the history of this novel, representation of France's history in the novel *All The Light We Cannot See*. Actually, there are many problems that can be discussed from this novel. While The limitation of this study based on France's history in the text as the instruction

to analyze in the novel *“All The Light We Cannot See”*. This is a limited study by focusing on the form of words and utterance in the novel.