

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is divided into six parts. There is background of the study, statement of research problem, objective of the study, significant of the study, scope and limitation of the study, definition of key terms. Those all sub chapters notify this scientific study.

1.1 Background of the Study.

Life is full of experiences. Sometimes it is good, but sometimes it is also bad. Further, the experience that happens to someone can influence someone's life. It can make someone's life become good or bad. In other words, every experience can determine whether good or bad someone's life journey. However, it actually depends on someone's environment. Role of one person to the other person's attitude also have an effect on.

In our daily life we always find many things relates to attitude, behavior, and ethic in our social community. For instance, domination in everyday life had been used in general. Domination includes to someone's behavior and someone's environment because the environment influences someone's behavior. Someone who has ability to dominate then he or she can become a winner or a leader. In this study the writer discussed how a speaker dominates the listeners or audiences. The writer takes prose in the form of novel as the object of the study because novel is a kind of literary work presenting many kinds of views and values. Novel is fictitious narrative, usually born in a society that has social,

cultural, and historical background. Therefore, it can be analyzed from many sides by several approaches (Culler, 1997:20).

This study used *Catching Fire* novel by Suzanne Collins. This bestseller novel published on September 1, 2009 by Scholastic. Suzanne Collins herself is a famous American novelist and *Catching Fire* is her second book of trilogy of Hunger Games (Suzanne, 2009). Since this novel is very popular, *Catching Fire* was made into film. The film adaptation of the novel was released on November 22, 2013. *Catching Fire* tells about a fairly simple story. This study is focused on term of hegemony, it reflects in the adventure of main character in *Catching Fire* novel by Suzanne Collins.

This novel describes the journey of the main characters named Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark. Katniss and Peeta are a group from district 12. Katniss and Peeta are selected to represent district 12 to follow Hunger Games. Hunger Games is game that requires someone defend themselves to life. Hunger Games is created by President Snow from Capitol. President Snow was ruled over all. President Snow is interesting to analyze. Because in the story he dominates all the people in districts. He used his power to realize his desire. Hegemony theory can help the writer to show and explain about the domination of his power in *Catching Fire* novel. Hence, the writer chooses this theory to analyze this novel.

Hegemony itself is complicated by the use of two word diametrically opposed sense. First, to mean domination, as in 'hegemonism' and second, to mean leadership, implying some notion to consent (Anderson, 1976:77 in

Bottomere, 1983:1). The writer uses Gramsci's hegemony theory and Althusser's hegemony theory. Hegemony theory by Gramsci explains about leadership and intellectuality. Whereas hegemony theory is explained by Althusser that describes repression and violence. This study describe about President domination. President in here is as a leader who has a power and intellectuality. It can be analyze by Gramsci's hegemony. Besides that President also can do anything for his citizen includes repression and violence by Althusser if they are do not obey his command.

1.2 Statement of Research Problem.

Based on the background of the study, the problem are formulated into the following questions:

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

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the statement of the problem above the objectives of this study consist of statements. They are to analyze:

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

1.4 Significances of the Study

Theoretically, this study is intended to strengthen the theory of hegemony. Practically, the study is intended to give better understanding of the power domination which is described in the novel. It is helpful to understand more about novel entitled *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins. Having read this study, it gives more useful knowledge for readers to enrich their knowledge, especially for literature students who are interested in this analysis about hegemony theory.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

In doing this study, the writer needs to emphasize its scope and limitation. Based on the theory applied to analyze the novel, the scope of this study is hegemony. Further, hegemony is used because this study focuses on analyzes the domination of power in the novel. Hegemony showed in the novel is when the main character, named is Katniss is forced by President Snow to comply the President's desires. This study limits on the exploration the power of President in *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins.

1.6 Definition and Key Terms.

Influence : the power to effect people, action or events (Oxford 202).

Leadership : the action of leading a group of people or an organization (Oxford 236).

Consent : permission for something to happen or agreement to do something (Oxford 84).

Force : strength or energy as an attribute of physical action (Oxford 163).

