

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the background of the problem was illustrated generally. This chapter consists of five subchapters. They are the background of the study, statement of problems, and objective of the study, the significance of the study, then scope and limitation. It is very needed to present as an introduction before moving to the main topic of the discussion.

1.1 Background Of the Study

In human life, a person can experience various kinds of obstacles. When faced with a big deal, people can be shaken by their soul between hope and pray. This is what happened to Santiago, the main character in Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. What happens to the major or main character of Santiago in this novel, may also can be experienced by others in real life.

In real life, people want to do to survive, when life is on the line, take the risks, combat the scary things, and generally take an action in way nobody would think it would be. Survival can be a motivation for good and courageous things, but it can also make a person take crazy risks or act against the best interest of others.

A person's journey is sometimes very difficult to guess, must pass or through the obstacle. But, if during the test from God with patience, human must believe that happiness will surely come to and enjoy the life in pleasure.

When the author created the character in literary work like a novel, should have a motivation in order to ~~could~~ pass the obstacle or problem of the character. However, it also depends on the author how build the character to got the motivation.

The writer chosen the novel as source of data of this study because this novel talks about the struggling to survive. He is a man that in his old age has a struggle to survive against the challenges of the realities. There is only a boy who is always pity to him and helps the old fisherman.

In that novel, the writer found some aspects of life. In exploring the aspects of life, the writer analyzed the characterization of the main character first, and then connect with the values of life reflected in the story.

the writer would like to relate to the writer's subject analysis toward the oldman and the sea by Ernest Hemingway, this literary work is categorised as type of novel cause it's imaginative work in form of naration.

In this research, the literary work in form of a novel entitled *The Old Man and the Sea* was discussed from the point of what the writer catches; an important figure named Santiago who experienced a difficult life. Like, waving between hope and despair. The conflict that rage in Santiago had tossed around him like a stalk that was played by the wind in the ocean too, occasionally lying to the right, then to the left, at other times go to backward, even rotated by the wind.

This is the life of a person who was born as a fisherman in the edge of the sea, actually it can be experienced by other people. The tragedy may different, but the

obstacles are faced could produce same consequence. If santiago take the setting in the ocean as the fisherman. Whereas, the other could be in the farm, market, office even more in the school could happen

The writer further wants to reveal what caused the main character continue to survive his life; and henceforth, why all the obstacles did not make give him up or even to commit suicide but instead became a person who has hope and continue to struggle to get on with his life.

Santiago, an old sailor experiences mental upheaval when he goes to sea. This feeling is deep in Santiago because he is an old man and lives in a state of lack. Conditions like this are not experienced by those who are sufficient and happy in life.

First time the writer read this novel, this work will become an interesting object to analyze, which describes an old fisherman who struggles with a giant marlin, he can spend a few days almost three days in the ocean with that fish after eighty-four always came home with nothing. The story interpreted as a symbolic tale of brave and courage an old man against all the obstacle from nature, societies and also himself.

This work was published in 1952, Ernest Hemingway is one of the most influential and famous American writers of his time, many writers follow him. His crisp economical prose and his idea of courage, endurance and honor in complex and hostile world were major influences on other writers. Hemingway was born in Oak Park III, near Chicago, on July 21, 1898. He was the son of physician who initiated him into rituals of hunting and fishing in Michigan north Woods, he also gained an early

proficiency in football and boxing. He used his youthful experiences in Northern Michigan in many of his early short stories. *Collected In Our Time* (1925). (Bradley, 1962: 1351).

Hemingway experience during World War I, he got seriously wounded, in Italy when he was 18 years old. The event helps explain his enduring concern with physical and psychological violence. Therefore, Hemingway's compelling inspiration was war, both as personal and symbolic experience and as a continuing condition of mankind, Hemingway lived in Italy during 1920's, a time he was recapture in memoir, *A Movable Feast* (Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, 1971: 1722)

During the last twenty years of his life, he published little as adventurer, hunter, and journalist sometimes seemed to resemble one of his own created characters. In 1952 Hemingway made his last major work, *The Old Man and The Sea*. It is flawless short novel; he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize as fiction in 1953 and received the Nobel prize for literature in 1954.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the explanation about the background of the study above, the research ~~problem~~ questions are-is arranged as follows.

1. How are the mayor characters described in this story?
2. What value of life is reflected in mayor character?

1.3 Objective of the study

Based on the research problem above, the objectives of the study are:

1. To describe the main character in this story.
2. To find the value of life of main character.

1.4 Significance of the study

The finding of this study may give a great impact to the student who read this study, especially for English Department student who learning literature. Hopefully, this study can be used as helpful reference in order to understand the content of the novel how the characterization of the novel through this research.

1.5 Scope and limitation of the study

In analyzing this novel, the issue that the writer wants to expose here is studying of characterization of the character in this novel, in finding the value of life the writer using a Characterization theory to explore the value of the character. The limitation of the study is to make the readers understand and catch how the author want to reflect the value through the main character in this story. Furthermore, this analysis is limited on the main characters utterances, other characters utterances and the author's narration which related to the research question.