

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter have some subchapters in introduction, the subchapter in introduction are background of study, statement of research problem, objective of the study, significance of the study and scope and limitation.

1.1 Background of Study

The literary means is not only what is written but what is voiced, what is expressed, what is invented, in whatever form — in which case maps, sermons, comic strips, cartoons, speeches, photographs, movies, war memorials, and music all huddle beneath the literary umbrella.

(Krystal, 2014)

Basically, the literary is a work about the events or stories of a person. However, the literary itself is not just what is written, but it can voiced like cartoons and movies.

Novel is one form of literary works. Lots of people are channeling ideas from their thoughts into the novel. Pierce Brown is one of the famous novelists. Pierce Brown develops his creativity onto remarkable creation on literary works. He collects his idea to write books which mostly best seller. One of them is tetralogy of *Red Rising*. It narratives the struggle of classes which is considered as today's issue. The *Red Rising* is the first book in the series which the writer is interested in to dive in deep into an analysis.

Furthermore, another reason why this book is chosen is because the author Pierce Brown gets several awards. According to *New York Times*, he became No. 1 New York Times Bestselling Author and *Red Rising* was chosen as one of the best books by entertainment weekly.

Marxist became the writer theory to analyzing the novel *Red Rising*. Marxism is a suitable theory to use in this analysis. In this novel, the writer focuses on class struggle. Some evidences relates to the class struggle in which the main character attempts to fight the upper class for peace and prosperity. Oppression takes place in this novel. Therefore, the oppressed does a resistance against the oppressor.

Class struggle is a part of Marxism. Class struggle becomes the problem between upper class and lower class. Class struggle come when the upper class get oppress to lower class. Long and Vicissitudinous period of revolution, but that it could only end in the final victory of the proletariat. (Marx.1850.p 3).

Marxist study explaining about economic condition, political and social status. Economics is the *base* on which the *superstructure* of social/political/ ideological realities is built. (Tyson, 2006 p. 54). It's mean Marxist explain about differences economic condition, political and social status in society.

The writer also finds several academic research which employ similar theory. Firstly, "Class System in England in Mark Twain's *The Prince and The Pauper*" which was written By Emy Munawarah from University of Trunojoyo Madura (2012). Emy

Munawarah applied Marxist theory with the focus on class system. Secondly, “The Representation of Class Struggle in the Movie *Titanic*” was written by Saputra Hadi from UNDIP Semarang (2011). He did not use similar theory but he used similar focus which was class struggle. He conducted his research through extrinsic and intrinsic elements. However, this analysis would bring different perspective about class struggle in *Red Rising* and make this analysis completely genuine at the first place.

1.2 Research Question

Regarding the focus of the study, the research questions are formulated as follows.

1. How does Gold Clan oppress Darrow Clan in *Red Rising*?
2. How does Darrow struggle for his clan in *Red Rising*?

1.3 Objective of the study

Regarding the research question, objectives of the study can be seen below.

1. To describe what oppression Gold Clan has burden to Darrow Clan in *Red Rising*.
2. To describe on how Darrow struggle for his clan in *Red Rising*.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is Marxist theory which focuses on class struggle introduced by Karl Marx. The novel *Red Rising* is the source of data used by the writer in his analysis.

The limitation of this study focuses on author's narration and character's utterance which related to the data.

1.5 Significances of study

Theoretically, this study is expected to give a better understanding to the readers about the Marxist theory. Hopefully, the upcoming writer can make this analysis as the references for their analysis and other academic purposes.

Practically, this analysis can give more comprehending reference toward society in terms of understanding of class struggle.