

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents five subchapters. The subchapters include the background of the study, statement of the research question, objective of the study, the significance of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the study

In a family, we were born, grow and learn a great number of things since our childhood until we die. It is automatically can be considered that someone's behavior is influenced a lot by the family role from many aspects. Those are like social side, psychological side, situation conditions and others. The family role is not just influencing in the growth of behavior of an individual but also the behavior changing. When we look at the world through a psychoanalytic lens, we see that it is comprised of individual humans beings, each with a psychological history that begins in childhood experiences in the family and each with patterns of adolescent and adult behavior that are the direct result of that early experience, (Tyson,2006:12)

parents can perform effectively in their child-rearing roles within the family depends on the role demands, stresses, and supports emanating from other settings. . . . Parents' evaluation of their own capacity to function, as well as their view of their child, are related to such external factors as flexibility. (Bronfenbrenner,1979)

In society, there is a social unit. One of the social units is in the form of the primary group or main group, which is generally known as the family. The family is a social organization where the first socialization occurs from birth to its development into adulthood. The family environment greatly influences the thinking and behavior of a child

The family as the smallest network of relatives, organized, durable, and interacting every day, can meet the household needs of children and parents ensure their survival properly (Stack,1996 P.31)

From the quotation the family is the smallest unit of the community which consists of the head of the family and several people who gather and live under one roof in a state of interdependence. For example, from children depending on mother, wife and husband, father and brother, or vice versa, that is, they need each other. Family is the first and foremost environment for children, family has an important role in the growth and psychological development of children.

Environment and family treatment of children greatly affect the child's mind where the family can play an important role in children's behavior and children's thinking both inside and outside the environment. The family has many roles in shaping the behavior and personality of children as well as giving real examples to children. It is from this family environment that the good and bad behavior and personality of children are formed. Although other factors influence Cadence's emotions. When a child reaches adolescence at the time a naughty nature is naturally seen and will have an impact on the environment itself or outside the environment such as in the community or school.

Many teenagers experience psychological problems and bad behavior because of family problems or past experiences which is a factor in juvenile behavior or delinquency. This can affect their life in a new environment and can affect the psychology of adolescents. With it, the family plays an important role in the psychological development and behavior of children.

A novel as one of genre of literary works, can be taken as example to show the role of literature environment . Wellek and Warren (1956: 3) stated that literature reflect and expresses ambiguous life. It means that the literature was born from the events that happen in the society.

The novel tells the influence of family on the main character Cadence who decides to do bad things to her family. This novel tells about the life of a rich family who each year spend summers time on a private island. The novel tells about life story of four teenager with very close brotherhood and friendship each other . In the novel, Cadence is a girl who has blonde hair and athletic form but after an accident, she dyed her black hair. Gatwick Patil (Gat) who is a boyfriend of Cadence comes of Indian descent. He has slightly dark skin and eyes. He is reflective and ambitious. He comes from a simple family. Besides that, there is Mirren Sheffield Sinclair is a cousin of Cadence. He has blonde hair, blue eyes are athletic, and is also a dreamer and optimist. There is also Jhonny Dennis Sinclair he is cadence's second-oldest cousin. He had a slender body, was blonde, and was athletic. She likes sports such as tennis, running and swimming.

This study uses the need theory of family system theory by Murray Bowen to analyze *We Were Liars* Novel By E. Lockhart. This theory explains family problem influences On Cadence's Emotions, psychology and behaviors. In response to the statement above, this study chooses *We Were Liars* Novel By E. Lockhart as the source of the data, because this novel depicts the personality of the main character of Cadence who does bad things due to bad influences in her family so that she experiences memory loss and disturbs her psychological state. The case of Cadence and her family has a lot of aspects of the family role to a psychological problem that fits with the concept of Bowen's family system theory as to what the writer explains in the next chapter of the study.

There are several reasons why the writer chose this novel to be analyzed. First, *We Were Liars* novel is one of the new big novels which contains about the family role to the psychology of children, problem of family, happiness, sadness and also love story and this novel dominant about the family role which describes the problem of rich families fighting over inheritance including having to compete between siblings. Second, how the family influences the psychological problems of the main character and gives an example of the struggle to recall lost memories and how they can end up in interesting situations. Third, the story of *We Were Liars* shows lies between families but still looks peaceful and harmonious. Therefore, the novel has a deep message about the current psychological and family problems that are well illustrated through the story.

According to the encyclopedia, this novel received critical acclaim and won the Goodreads choice award for best young adult fiction and also listed as an ALA top ten best fiction for young adults for 2015. The case of Cadence and her family has a lot of aspects of family psychological problems that fit with the concept of Bowen's family system theory as to what the writer explains in the next chapter of the study. Based on this point, the writer decides to analyze the novel using family system theory.

In this analysis, the writer decided to analyze *We Were Liars* as a source of data and uses the family system theory by Murray Bowen because no one has analyzed the data source with the Family system theory. This analysis focuses on the psychology and emotions of several characters in the novel with the theory of Murray Bowen, namely the system theory family. Several previous studies use the same theory but different data sources or vice versa, namely using the same data source using different theories.

The first is like the thesis from Megalista Pratiwi entitled "*Cedance's defense mechanism in the recovering her lost memory in We Were Liars novel by E. Lockhart*" in that analysis using psychoanalytic by Sigmund Freud. The second is using a different source of data but with the same theory, such as the thesis from Hafidzah entitled "*An Analysis of a child called 'it' by Dave Pelzer from family system perspective*", however, they have the same theory but the issue is different, no one from the previous study analyzed family issues using the Family System theory by Murray Bowen. Based on this previous study, the writer wants to use the same theory

of the Family System by Murray Bowen to analyze the novel *entitled We Were Liars* By E. Lockhart. That is why this analyzes so it is worth doing. The writer is interested to analyze *The Influences of Family on Cadence's Emotions in We Were Liars Novel* by E. Lockhart.

1.2 Research Question

In relation to the background of the study, this study is going to discuss the influences of the family on Cadence's psychology in her lives in the *We Were Liars* novel by E.Lockhart. The questions are as follow:

1. What are the problems that Cadance has in her family?
2. How were the family problems influence Cadence in the novel psychologically?

1.3 Research Objective

The research objective describes the answer to the question in the research question. The research objectives are:

1. To find the family problems of the main character in the *We Were Liars* novel.
2. To describe how the family problems influence some characters in the novel psychologically.

1.4 Significance of Study

This study is conducted to describe several benefits in both theoretical and practical terms. Theoretically, this study is expected to be able to provide more detailed information about Murray Bowen's theory of family system theory in literary writing. This research is expected to provide an understanding of family roles that can affect children's psychology. Practically, this research is expected to be a way for families to act and provide good examples and participate in the formation of good emotions and psychology for children, thereby reducing the number of children experiencing psychological disorders and helping psychiatrists deal with the number of children who experience this. It is also expected to provide benefits such as increasing the reader's knowledge. Therefore, the children do not experience psychological disorders that are caused by their family environment.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research is the use of the Family System theory by Murray Bowen to emotions. Bowen's Family System Theory can help the writer to find out a theme in literary work, through the text itself. The writer focuses on the concepts of Bowen theory that is contained in *We Were Liars* novel by E.Lockhart such as Nuclear Family Emotional System, The Differentiation Of Self Scale, Triangles, Cutoff, Family Projection Process, Multigenerational Transmission Process, Sibling Position, and Societal Emotional Process.

This study analysis The Influences of Family on Cadence's Emotion In E.Lockhart Novel. Therefore, the limitations of this study are the role of family, family problem, psychology of cadence, and author explanation in the novel. the writer chooses *the We Were Liars* novel by E.Lockhart as a source of data for this analysis.