

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter divided into five subchapters; these are background of the study, the statement of research problem, the objective of the study, the significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study.

Novel is one of literary genres that present complicated problems. In Peck's and Coyle's opinion *Literary Terms and Criticism* (1984: 103) said that novel are long work with great amount of detail in every page. It needs to be taken into account before people can reach any sort of judgment. The effect of the detail that people come to recognize the complex reality of a character or an event in the story.

Hence, the literary works will not only entertain the readers but also enrich their knowladges. There are many aspects which can be learnt by reading literary works. Sometimes authors take the differences of human feeling as the theme of their literary works. One of the difference of human feeling is their conflict in her life. Conflict is a problem faced by human being in the world. Human being as god's creature has many different kinds of characteristic. The difference of characteristic sometime causes the different perceptions that creates a conflicts.

The conflict will be able to help the writer to identify charecteristic of human and know many ways how they solve the conflict that are faced. Each conflict has a different way to solve it. For instance, there is a disagreement

between one person and others. Where It can be solved by a negotiation to get a solution.

Conflict is one of causes in a story that makes a story more attractive. The story without conflict will be not alive. Therefore, the conflict is an important thing in story. The way to solve the conflict are usually based on the experience of each person. In this study, there are two conflicts in Sharon Creech's *The Wanderer* that will be analyzed, those are internal and external conflict which are experienced by Shopie as the main character in the novel. The internal conflict is more commonly referred to as "Man vs. Self" and, deals with a character having to overcome something about his or her being that they are struggling. Meanwhile, the external conflict is a struggle with a force outside one's self, that is include conflict between man, man and nature, man and society.

In this study, a novel *The Wanderer* is chosen as the source of data because of its writer Sharon Creech. She is an American writer of children's novels. She was the first American winner of the Carnegie Medal for British children's books and the first person who won both the American Newbery Medal and the British Carnegie.

In addition, many authors have already created conflicts in their literary work. One of them is Sharon Creech. She is an American author and one of the most popular authors in the world. She published her first novel during she works in advertising and wrote furious novels and found big success with 57 bestsellers in 1978. More than twenty of her novels have been adapted to Television.

Sharon Creech was born on July 29, 1945 in South Euclid, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Her college in the U.S. She became intrigued by storytelling after taking literature and writing courses, and she also became a teacher of secondary school English and Writing in England and Switzerland. She was used to write children's novel and her first children's novel was *Absolutely Normal Chaos* that was published only in the U.K., by Macmillan Children's Books in 1990. Her second novel was published in the U.S. It was *Walk Two Moons* (1994), which won the American Newbery Medal in 1995. In 2000 she published *The Wanderer* in U.K. In addition, she is the

famous author who had written many bestseller children's novels. Those are the reasons why this study analyzes Sharon Creech's *The Wanderer*.

The other reason *The Wanderer*(2000) is chosen as the source of data, because it is very interesting. Besides that it won the Parents' Choice Award, USA, in 2000, and it was a runner-up for the Newbery Medal. And it was also one of eight books on the Carnegie Medal shortlist in the U.K. The novel was very popular at that time, it told about Shopie who is thirteen years old made a great adventure in her life. And this novel also combines adventurous sailing and the young adult character discovering that personal growth often entails a difficult journey.

The writer uses intrinsic elements approach to analyze the conflict which is faced by the main character. The intrinsic elements is used to analyze this novel in order to understand the conflicts. By understanding the conflicts, the readers who read this study will get better understanding about the conflicts in a literary work

1.2. Statement of Research Problem

Based on the background of the study, there are two research problems which are formulated in this study as follows:

1. What are the causes of the conflicts experienced by the main character?
2. What are the effect of the conflicts experienced by the main character?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

In line with the statement of problem the objective of the study are:

1. To analyze the causes of the conflicts
2. To analyze the effects of the conflicts

1.4 Significance of the study

Theoretically, this study is useful to give understanding about causes and effect of internal and external in literary work. Practically, this study is expected to give some contributions to the society. the society can get many lesson about conflict and character, like how the society faced

and solved conflicts and characters in their environment. the result of this study is expected to help the student of english study program in applying intrinsic elements conflicts as underlying theory in analyzing the literary work.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is intrinsic elements which is focused on conflicts Sharon Creech's *The Wanderer*. This study limits on the character's utterances, and the author's narration which are relevant with the conflicts, that are experienced by Shopie.