

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This section includes background of the study, statement of the problems, objectives of the study, scope and limitation, and significance of the study. Each of the items will be discussed as follows.

1.1 Background of Study

Peace in the world is hard to realize for many years because people would rather make conflict than make peace. There are many conflicts in this world from a small until a big conflict. For instance, a big conflict that always appears lately is a civil war in the Egypt. War happens because there is any agreement between two or many countries or parties. There are many kinds of war that have happened in the world, for instance, Holy War, World War I and II, Civil War and others. Actually, war does not make any advantages for both countries or parties. War gives many kinds of bad effect directly and indirectly. Directly, a war damages some important places or country itself and also many people. Indirectly, a war damages human life and both countries economy.

Related to the previous statement, a war can create trauma. For instance, the soldiers who suffer in a war because of many violation incidents, many people loss their family and lover, many war victims get physical or mental wound, and etc. These effects can damage their personality or the worst they become insane. Trauma is a wound that is not only about physical injuries but also mental injuries (Thurschwell, 2000:30). It can affect on one's thought, behavior, mental, and feeling.

The effects after traumatic survivors have gotten traumatic events cause bad reaction for the mental and physical of trauma survivor. It shows that trauma is not an ordinary wound. Psychological trauma occurs with or without the physical injuries and also follows traumatic events. For example, sexual abuse, betrayal, major losses (a death lover, a death family, and etc). Fortunately, trauma like other common disease can be cured by some methods or medicines which need special methods to cure the traumatic survivors, because trauma is mental and physical wound. There are some methods to cure the traumatic patients, for instance, remembrance, talking cure, mourning, medicines and etc.

However, trauma not only appears in the real life but also appears in literary works. There are many authors depict trauma as one of the main topics in their literary works, such as Toni Morrison with *The Blue Eyes* (1970), *Sula* (1973), and *Beloved* (1987) Thomas Harris with *Hannibal Lecter* series (1981-2006), Arundhati Roy with *the God's Small Things* (1997). Now, there are many authors also write about trauma as one of topic in their work, one of them is Suzanne Collins, an American female novelist and television writer. She is *New York Times Best Selling Author* now. Suzanne Collins is very interesting author. In her writing, she always tells about the history and teenager adventure. Those are popular theme in this era. Her works is dramatic, sharp, smart, great and brilliant. In her *Hunger Games Trilogy*, she gets a *New York Times Bestseller* in twice. In *Hunger Games Trilogy*, Collins puts her experiences in listening to her father experience in war. Her father is an Air Force pilot. Her father always tells her about war and also brings her to places

like war monument. Therefore, she puts many war evidences and the impact of war in *Hunger Games Trilogy*. That trilogy is very great books today. Those are *The Hunger Games*(2008), *Catching Fire* (2009), *Mockingjay* (2010). The best sequel in that trilogy is *Mockingjay*.

In short, *Mockingjay* (2010) is the sequence of *The Hunger Games Trilogy* (*Hunger Games* and *Catching Fire*). *Hunger Games* the first book tells about the main character in a battlefield called Hunger Games. The second book, *Catching Fire*, tells about the main characters's life after they have participated in Hunger Games. Then, their life changes because what they saw and did in hunger games. That makes them trauma in war. The *Mockingay* tells about the journey of Katniss Everdeen, the female main character, leads the revolution against Capitol and President Snow. *Mockingjay* is the best novel from *Hunger Games Trilogy*, it can be looked from its achievements. It wins many achievements such as #1 New York Bestseller, #1 Publisher Weekly Bestseller, 2010Booklist Editor's Choice and etc. In addition, that sequence is very good because *Mockingjay* is the last novel that takes many events about war than two novels before it. The novel tells about the war, rebellion, impact of war, child abuse and many things. Therefore, this novel is very interesting to analyze.

The four characters Katniss, Peeta, Finnick and Johanna who suffered from trauma because of war will be analyzed using Judith Herman's Psychological Trauma. This theory is suitable for analyzing the novel. Herman discovers her theory starts from analyzing the neurosis of War. Moreover, *Mockingjay* tells about war and

the character is also described as traumatic survivors of war. The four characters that have been affected with their trauma begin experiencing some effects of the trauma symptoms or called PTSD. PTSD is confusion or effect after the traumatic survivor has experienced trauma. PTSD itself is included into trauma theory. This novel also shows some ways to recover from the traumatic survivor like Herman's stages recovery. Therefore, Herman's theory is applied to analyze *Mockingjay* novel.

In addition, trauma has been analyzed by some writers in different novel. The first is Richard Lejkowski (2012) who analyzes *Hunger Games trilogy* and *Harry Potter series* by using childhood trauma theory. The second is Sarah Young Longwoth (2006) who analyzes a novel entitled *The God of Small Things* by using trauma and ethical dilemma. However, *Mockingjay* have not been analyzed by other writer but *Mockingjay* is a part of *Hunger Games trilogy*. There are some writers analyze *Hunger Games trilogy*. She is Kathleen Charlotte Murtaugh (2012) who focuses on role of food in the novel. Then, the other writer is Richard Lejkowski (2012) who analyzes childhood trauma in *Hunger Games trilogy*. Meanwhile, this study focuses on trauma of war.

1.2 Statement of Problem

Based on the background of study, there are three statements of research problems that can be noticed, those are:

1. What are the causes of the trauma of the four characters in the novel?
2. What are the effects of war to the four characters in the novel?
3. How do the four characters overcome their trauma in this novel?

1.3 Objectives of Study

Based on the research problem, the study is intended:

1. To explain the causes of the four characters that get traumatic experiences in war .
2. To explain the effects of traumatic events for the characters in the novel.
3. To explain the ways of the four characters overcome their trauma.

1.4 Significances

The significances of the study:

1. This study is theoretically expected to give contribution for further study which analyzes the same literary work or same theory.
2. Theoretically, this study is hoped to give better understanding in Herman's Psychological Trauma theory.
3. This study is practically expected to give information about trauma and better understanding about the effects of trauma. Therefore, the reader knows how to overcome the trauma.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

Based on the theory applied to analyze the novel, the scope of this research is Herman's Psychological trauma. In particular this research focuses on the trauma of war in *Mockingjay* novel. Trauma of war is used to get understanding about the definition, cause and effect of trauma of war.

This study concerns on utterances of character and narrator referring to the relation of traumatic events and having recovery. Furthermore, this study will be

limited on the utterances of the four characters , those are Katniss, Peeta, Johanna, and Finnick, that relate with the statement of problems.