

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents some important parts that will be discussed in this study, those are; background of the study, statement of the research problems, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation of the study.

1.1 Background of the Study

It is undisputable that literature becomes one of the most interesting issues that commonly discussed. The issues which occur in the world of literature are related to the real life of human. According to J. Culler (1997:2), literature is a speech act or textual event that elicits certain kinds of attention. This notion means that literature can be defined as a uniqueness of certain attention. It could be formed by certain conditions or situations which are depicted in literary work, such as novel, prose, poem, and short story. The depiction of the literary work has relation to how human in real life, such as human behaviour.

Behaviour takes a significant issue in the life of a human. The behaviour of human occurs in everyday life. In a real life, there are some aspects which influence this term. These aspects may come from anywhere. It could be the environment or the social condition of certain places. This term derives from the continuing act as the result of how the environment or the social condition treats him or her. Thus, all humans need to choose good environment in order to shape good behaviour.

Dealing with the behaviour of the human, childhood experience also takes a vital role. Since children are member of society, it is important to understand how children act as the result of his or her experiences. In any case, children develop their personality through the interaction with the environment where they are nurtured. It means, the way of child act conveys his or her purposes. If their needs are properly responded by adults, they will be able to develop an appropriate behaviour which is imperative for personality.

As the statement which derived from Don C. Dinkmeyer (1965:329), the understanding of a child behaviour is necessary for adults. The intention of this term is to help in developing a good personality. The desires, goals, and the purposes which is achieved by a child are considered as the result of his or her actions. Essentially, adults need to apprehend the perception of a child toward his life regarding his personality which is framed by how he perceive the world. A number of human personalities may possibly depend on faulty assumptions. However, this kind of personality determines how the interaction between one and another occurs.

The existence of behaviour cannot be separated from where and with whom they are. People who live in a certain place must be adjusted agree with the society or the cultural background of the place. The adjustment of these people is not easy. They must confront some problems which are related to adjustment.

The problems of adjustment also occur in adolescent life. In this stage of age, a young people is required to be able to adjust themselves toward an environment. It

happens because certain places could give big influence for them as well as social condition. Social condition takes a position in forming the characteristic of human. The characteristic may be formed by the environment where they are in. Subsequently, when the characteristic of the human is formed, definitely it will impact their behavior. The behavior which is produced by a certain condition carries out the psyche of the human itself. In this case, psychology is needed as the measure during human is conducting his self-adjustment.

Since adjustment is studied in psychology, it is important to explore more about what the intention of this term. As the statement of Weiten et al (2017:9) adjustment refers to the psychological processes through which people manage or cope with the demands and challenges of everyday life. Following this, in achieving the demands, human is needed to confront challenges. It could be common problems which are related to human and her or his new environment. These problems certainly affect the psyche of the human itself. Since considered as a mirror of the real life, those phenomena also occur in a literary work especially novel. Novel is one of the products of literary work which convey several elements such as character, plot, theme, setting, and point of view.

The novel which will be discussed is about the main character, Starr Charter, she comprises black people who comes from a genuine black family. She has two different versions of herself. The first is Starr Charter version when she in Garden Height environment and the second is when she is in the Williamson Prep environment. Starr

Charter's version of Garden Height is her original version of herself. Garden Height is a place containing black people. There, she is free to do whatever she craves. However, crimes always happen in this place especially known for drug trafficking. Meanwhile, the second version of herself is Williamson Prep version which appears when her momma registers her to school in white people area. The asking of her momma is because her momma intends to protect Starr Charter from bad environment. In the Williamson Prep environment, she acts differently with she used to do. She is forced to build a new version of her original version, such as willing to do something which has opposite act of herself. Consequently, her friends- white people willing to accept her.

In this research, a novel entitled *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas is chosen by the writer as the source of data. It is first published in Great J. Britain 2018 by Walker. Additionally, *The Hate U Give* novel has been achieved The New York Time Best Seller list and many more awarded. Therefore, the popularity makes it translated into more than 30 languages. Moreover, the whole of the stories in the novel depict the social real life. Those are the reasons why the writer chooses the novel.

1.2 Statement of the Research Problems

Regarding the background of the study which has already explained, there are two research problems that found:

1. What are the effects of childhood experience to self-adjustment of Starr Charter?
2. How self-adjustment of Starr Charter reflected through two different versions of herself in *The Hate U Give*?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

According to the research problem as mentioned above, the objectives of the study are:

1. The effects of childhood experience to self-adjustment of Starr Charter.
2. The way self-adjustment of Starr Charter reflected through two version of herself in *The Hate U Give*.

1.4 Significances of the Study

This study deals with two prominent objectives. The first objective is the theoretical objective and the second is practical objective.

1. Theoretically, this study is expected to be a reference for further studies which analyze the similar source of data or apply the same theory. The result of this analysis is able to contribute a better understanding about self-adjustment as a part of psychological approach.

2. Practically, the aim of this study is for both the writer itself and the readers of this study. For the writer, the result of the study can be used as an experience of study related to self-adjustment which exists in the novel *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Meanwhile, for the readers, the purpose of this study is to assist the readers and the results can be used as additional information that may be needed by the readers for further studies.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study focuses on the way Starr Charter faced her two different environments as her self-adjustment toward the society where she in. This is to reveal how Starr acts and how childhood experience influences the self-adjustment of Starr Charter. The limitation of this study is to analyse the self-adjustment which is portrayed by Starr Charter as the main character in the novel.