

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents several subchapter, namely background, statement of problems, objectives, significances, scope and limitation. Those are necessary to explain because they describe this study generally.

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a representation of life which exhibits some social phenomena in society. Tyson (2006:05) proposed that literature, conceived as a “laboratory” of human life, provided examples of human experience presumably common to all readers. Under those circumstance, literature is the representation of author’s thought in which they created their literary works based on what they feel, see, hear, and think in their daily lives as their experience which are very important to enlighten to all readers. Furthermore, the literary works should be useful and should give advantages to the readers. Literary works can increase the reader’s understanding about their social conditions.

As the same way, the readers should be able to infer the meaning of the literary works. Many kinds of literary works can get the values on it. “All literary works contain one or more such sub-texts, and there is a sense in which they may be spoken of as the ‘unconscious’ of the works itself” (Eagleton, 1996:155). This statement composes crucial maintenance, such as the readers have ability to investigate a literary work that has good quality and inspire to be

used as source of data for our study based on their praises. Especially, the author who wrote outstanding literary works.

Then, this study chooses Wendelin Van Draanen's *Flipped* as the source of data. Because, Wendelin Van Draanen is the author of many-winning novels, including *The Sammy Keyes Mysteries*, *Swear to Howdy*, *Runaway*, *Confessions of a Serial Kisser*, and *The Running Dream*. She is an American writer of children and young-adult fiction. Similarly, *Flipped* is one of her novel which get award for the Texas Bluebonnet Award and the winner of the California Young Reader Medal. *Flipped* described a daughter named Julianna who wants to reveal her ability. Especially, Julianna wants to make Bryce family is aware of her personality in truth, because Julianna always got ridicule of her condition and her family status. Besides, Julianna needs something which is important for herself that can motivate her to reach what she wants such as her self-actualization. Then, She is against Bryce family's argument by her effort. At last, Julianna is successful to prove that she is able to achieve her self-actualization.

As shown above, this study uses a theory of human motivation which is established by Abraham Maslow. Maslow's theory concerns the ways in which human have a potential to develop healthy and creative. Explicitly, they are able to resolve social pressure which they got from someone in their life. This theory is a device to clarify the meaning of the novel and to emphasize that someone can achieved her or his self-actualization based on their exertion. The other reason, the writer chooses this source of data

because the novel maintains about perspective of young adult as Juliana who wants to be more valuable or appreciated by those who underestimated her. Therefore, this study analyzes Julianna self-actualization through her life and her exertion. Certainly, this study analyze the character's utterances and author's narrations.

This study used theory of human motivation meanwhile other study used theory of conflict. The previous study was a thesis that written by Alvin Agustinus Ratuliu, student from University of Sumatera Utara entitled "An Analysis on Major Characters' conflicts in Wendelin Van Draanen" (2015). In short, the previous study analyze conflicts between two major, July and Bryce. The conflict has occurred through July and Bryce in terms of internal and external conflicts. The previous study emphasized that this study was different from the other study.

1.2 Research Question

The focus of this study is "Julianna Self-Actualization" and spread of some questions:

- a. How are the stage of human needs influencing Julianna to achieve self-actualization?
- b. What are the effects of Julianna self-actualization for her personality?

1.3 Objectives

Related to research problem above, this study is intended:

- a. To identify the stage of human needs influencing Julianna to achieve self-actualization.
- b. To comprehend the effects of Julianna self-actualization for her personality.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this study is theory of human motivation relating to human in achieving their self-actualization which is proposed by Abraham Maslow. Maslow's theory can help people to understand human potential. In either case, this study are limited by focusing on the character's utterances and author's narrations in *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen which can answer the writer's research question above.

1.5 Significances

Theoretically, this study could develop an understanding about theory of human motivation which is proposed by Abraham H.Maslow in which this theory emphasize positive sides of human. Maslow's theory is not only about emphasizing positive sides but also about involving consideration the concept of psychology in terms of potential to be fully human. Practically, it is expected that the results of this study will contribute to help the readers figure out the human motivation to reach who they are exactly and to appear their self-actualization. Then, the writer expects that this research is able to be a reference for student of english department.