

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is as the expression of beautiful thoughts, feeling, and human experience in beautiful language. Literature is an art activity that related to imaginative or creative writing. Every person has imaginative thought in their minds. They think about something unreal or even real things in this world. Moreover, they can share their imaginative thinking by expressing into a form of inspiration. It can give the depth inspiration about what that we have known in this world (Borges 18). Thus, literature can make human's life more living and meaningful. It also can give gladness and spiritual satisfaction.

In appropriate, literary works consist of nonfictionand fiction works. Nonfiction works are written form that relates to data and factual. It does not relate to the imagination of the author. It consists of announcement, speech text, reports, journals, biography, scientific articles, etc. (Gutkind8). Fiction works relates to imagination, invention, something unreal, and it does not happen because of real condition and unnecessary for searching the truth. All of the events, settings, and characters are imaginative (Nurgiyantoro 3). Fiction works consist of novel, short story, poem, drama, fairy tale, etc (9).

The one of the literary works is novel. According to Eagleton, novel is a piece of prose fiction of a reasonable length (1). So, novel is long enough to fill a

complete book, it is a fictional prose narrative and having plot that is extended by the characters, speech, and action. By reading novel everybody can enjoy their spare time and also fulfill their emotional needs.

The one of the famous novels is *A Farewell to Arms* (1929). It was written by Ernest Hemingway. *A Farewell to Arms* is an inspiration from a real story by Ernest Hemingway (Mammadov<sup>3</sup>). *A Farewell to Arms* takes place during World War I when the Italian Army was fighting against Austrian troops. In 1914-1918 when First World War happened the new literature produced by second generation women's peace historians. It called post feminism era that witnessed the flowering of an international women's peace movement that linked pacifist ideals to a larger world movement for women and human right (Judith 4).

*A Farewell to Arms* tells about the vague reality of war, the relationship between love and pain and the struggle of some characters for their life. This case of this story is when Catherine Barkley meets Lieutenant Frederic Henry. Catherine Barkley is a nurse in hospital located in Milan and Lieutenant Henry is a young American ambulance driver in Italian army (Hemingway 5).

Catherine Barkley has fiancé before, but her fiancé died. So, she is moved to a hospital located in Milan. Then, she meets Lieutenant Frederic Henry. Thus, she begins to face her real life after the death of her fiancé (6). She tries to open her heart for another man, and he is Lieutenant Frederic Henry. She falls in love with Lieutenant Frederic Henry (9). Therefore, she begins her daily life just with Lieutenant Frederic Henry (32).

In their relationship, Catherine pledges to be faithful to Henry. She always shows happy face and always smiles to Henry and she does not like if their relation will be compared with others. In the middle of their journey, Catherine gets pregnant for about three months. In fact, they have not married yet (40). The other hand, Lieutenant Frederic Henry also goes for world war. Then, Catherine faces her heavy life just alone. She undergoes her daily routine without any changes with always wait Henry. She works like usual in hospital (42).

Someday, Henry comes and they become one in a life. They live together without clear status. They live like other couple; they walk and eat together every day. She always calls Henry with “darling” and smile in every moment (77). Furthermore, in the end of this story, Catherine has a serious problem with her pregnancy, but Catherine always says that she is fine to Henry. In a serious situation of her pregnancy, she does not forget to remind Henry to eat (90). The doctor tells Henry that the best solution would be a Caesarean operation. The baby boy is born and Catherine asks about their son. When Henry goes out for dinner and he returns, the nurse tells that Catherine is hemorrhaging. It is serious situation and she finally dies after bearing the baby (95).

Actually, not all human being can face their life patiently and strongly. There are some ways to make them in order to be strong and peaceful. Catherine faces the hard life without a husband and unmarried status. Her struggle is as nurse in hospital to fulfill her necessity without asking to Henry, Therefore, she dies because of sanguinary after delivering her baby. From this case, it represents

woman action in literature; it is about the version of feminist and focuses on Catherine Barkley.

For better result to understanding the literary work message, it needs to make analysis and research of the literary works. To do that, the researcher needs a tool to get better research. It talks about feminism; feminism is a theory that explains about women movement to refuse inequality in political, social, and economic women (Ratna184). So, to conduct the research and make the research stronger, the researcher uses Radical Feminism and to know more about the characterization of Catherine Barkley, the researcher uses Psychoanalysis theory by Sigmund Freud as supporting theory.

For more specific, the researcher uses Radical feminism also to explain that a woman is not just sex class, Radical feminism analyses the relationship between social inequality and sexual difference; the domination of women by men is seen to provide the foundation of social inequality, and the sexual oppression of women is seen to underlie the economic, cultural and social subordination of women (153). Then, Psychoanalysis is a theory about personality structure of human personality; there are three kinds that grow chronologically: Id, ego and Superego (Sigmund Freud in Corey 14).

Here, the researcher focuses on woman character in this novel, she is Catherine Barkley. As a pregnant woman, she is still working to fulfill her necessity and she refuses to marry. It is the reason why the researcher uses those theories.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

In connection to the background of this study, the study is formulated as follow:

- 1.2.1 How is Catherine Barkley in the novel characterized?
- 1.2.2 How does Catherine Barkley struggle for her life?
- 1.2.3 How does Catherine Barkley make decision of the status?

## **1.3 Objective of the Study**

Based on statement of the problem, the objectives of the study are formulated as follows:

- 1.3.1 To describe the characterization of Catherine Barkley.
- 1.3.2 To reveal the way of Catherine Barkley struggle her life.
- 1.3.3 To reveal the status of Catherine Barkley.

## **1.4 Scope and Limitation**

This research would take more discussion about Feminism. So, to keep the discussion proper to the objective of study, there is scope and limitation in this research. The scope in this research is the woman character of this novel, she is Catherine Barkley and the limitation itself is about the side of feminism on Catherine Barkley. In this case, it means that the writer will only discuss about struggle of Catherine Barkley.

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

Through this study, it is purposed for giving both theoretical and practical contribution. Theoretically, the results of the study are expected to give contribution to develop the study and analysis on literary study related to the study of feminism on Catherine Barkley in a novel entitled “*A Farewell to Arms*” by Ernest Hemingway. The writer expects that it can give knowledge about the way of Catherine to struggle her life as a woman.

Practically, the writer also expects this study will give an inspiration for other studies especially in English Letters Department of UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Thus, this study will help the readers to study more about this novel and analyzing another aspect of *A Farewell to Arms* in different area.

### **1.6 Method of the Study**

Every research has a method to make clearer about the data and analysis process. There are some methods in research field. In this case, the writer uses descriptive method for this study. The core of descriptive analysis relates to the processes of describing phenomena, classifying it, and seeing how the concepts interconnect. Descriptive studies can be contrasted unfavorably with more analytic and theoretically oriented research, as though description is a ‘low level’ activity hardly worth attention (Dey31-32).

The data observation is library based. Therefore from library data the writer has opportunities to have good data from books, e-books, and online resources. In presenting the data analysis, the writer takes some steps as follows:

1. Reading and understanding the whole of novel entitled *A Farewell to Arms*.
2. Collecting the data that relates to the statement of problems.
3. After gathering the data from *A Farewell to Arms* novel, the writer categorizes the data into two categories. Those are the way of Catherine Barkley to struggle her life and the reason of unmarried status with Lieutenant Henry although she has pregnant.
4. Classifying the data based on the objectives of the study and analyzing the data one by one.
5. Giving the conclusion from the analysis result.

### **1.7 Definition of Key Term**

- 1.7.1 Feminism : A movement for granting women political, social, and economic equality with men.
- 1.7.2 Status : A social or professional position, condition, or standing to which varying degrees of responsibility, privilege, and esteem.
- 1.7.3 Struggle : The ability to do something or act in a particular way, the capacity to influence the behavior of others, the emotions, or the course of events.