CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is one of the great creative and universal means of communicati on the emotional, spiritual, or intellectual concerns of mankind (Encyclopedia 559). Moreover, literature is something beautiful that can entertain everybody who has read it. It does not only give readers entertainment, but also knowledge and new insight from all around the world. According to Wolfreys, literature generally refers to production of literary works as poetry, novel, short stories or drama and other narrative texts (62).

One of the literary works is novel. Novel is a piece of prose fiction of a re asonable length (Wolfreys 65). Another explanation states that novel is a fiction w hich has elements such as plot, theme, character, setting, point of view (Burhan 10). Whatever the explanation, novel is not escaped from story about real life and als o the condition around the author. As James statement, he said that novel is histor y and as the picture of reality (James 2).

There are a lot of authors write novels which tell about a real condition of an era such as, war, conflicts, poverty. One of them is Charles Dickens, and in full name Charles John Huffam Dickens. He is an English novelist, generally conside red the greatest of the Victorian Era. His many volumes include such works as *A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, Bleak House, A Tale of Two*, *Our Mutual F*

riend, and Great Expectation. (www. EncyclopediaBritanica.com).

Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England, on February 7, 1812. He was the second of eight children. His mother had been in service to Lord Crew, and his father worked as a clerk for the Naval Pay office. John Dickens was imprisoned for debt when Charles was young. When he was twelve, he starts to work. He faces to hard times and poverty affected him deeply. He later recounted these experiences in the semi-autobiographical novel David Copperfield. Similarly, the concern for social justice and reform which surfaced later in his writings grew out of the harsh conditions he experienced when he working in the warehouse. Charles Dickens begins to write all of his experiences. From here, he starts to write. He is the author who often wrote about real life and the condition of society around him, included his life (www.gradesaver.com).

One of Charles Dickens' popular works is Great Expectation. Great Expect ation is great novel that written by him and published in 1860 in Victorian era. Gr eat Expectation is one of his novels that tell about the true condition in that era. It includes his experiences when he works in warehouse which often got violence fr om people around him. Great Expectation showed that Charles Dickens was one of author who was aware with the condition of lower strata social of society in that era. Because of that great expectation is Charles Dickens' novel that often gets no ble after David Copperfield at that time (www.gradesaver.com).

In great expectation Charles Dickens shows the spirit of poor boy to reach his ambition. He has big spirit and desire to be better in life. He also has an ambiti

on to get his love after he meets Estela. Estela is a beautiful girl who is successful makes Pip falling in love. But their social class is different. Pip is a poor boy, but Estela is a beautiful girl who is adopted by Miss Havisham a rich woman. Besides her high class, Estela disparages Pip who is only a blacksmith. That condition makes Pip feel unconfident. He wants to in better social class. Because of that, he has a target to be a Gentleman to get her love.

The Gentlemen means a noble. In England society during Victorian era, G entleman has good position. It is a high strata that society. In nineteenth century, e xactly after Industrial Revolution, England radical changes in economics, politics, and even people's spirituality. The society positions the educated and moral in the middle to upper levels in the social strata of society (Jie 1). They categorize the m as a gentleman.

The idea of the gentleman reflects the rapidly changing Victorian society, and it is in the same context of transition as the society itself. The very nature of transition made it difficult to define "what constitutes a gentleman" and thus the difficulty and ambiguity of the definition made the notion of the gentleman one of the most disputable issues in Victorian England. The idea of the gentleman is an important element in perceiving Victorian ways of thinking and behavior. In other words, the notion of gentlemanliness can give a glimpse of transition of the social class and the experience of the middle class as well as their spiritual progress toward moral maturity (Lie, 1).

Pip's first desire is to get Estella. In order to get her, Pip should be in the sa

me social status as her. It means he should be a gentleman.

Character Pip is worth studying. His life is interestingly described by the a uthor from his child up to adult. So far, there are not many researchers study about Great Expectation.

The writer focuses on Pip's character. However, analyze character is important to reveal Pip's character as a main character. As states that, "characters are an other common topic for analysis in literature, like novel and drama. Whether they are main characters or minor characters, they normally focus the action and the themes of a story. Often, a discussion of novel concentrates exclusively on what hap pens to the characters or how they change" (Corigan 42).

Moreover, the writer also uses Freud's theory of psychoanalysis to analyze the psychological effect in reaching ambition of the character. The analysis will be centered on main character that is Pip. And it will be focused on Pip's ambition.

To understand further about the novel, the writer tends to focus her analysi s on how the id, ego, and superego concept work on ambition on Pip's character t o know the effect of his ambition. Therefore, the title of this study is *The Study of Pip's Character to Reach His Ambition in Charles Dickens' Great Expectation*.

1.2 Statement of the problems

Based on the background of the study above, there are some statements of

problems addressed in this study, there are;

- 1. How is Pip in the novel characterized?
- 2. What is ambition of Pip in Charles Dickens's Great Expectation?
- 3. What is Pip's ambition effect on his character?

1.3 Objective of the study

The writer conducts this research because the writer is interested in Charle s Dickens' literary works, special for Great Expectation novel. The writer analyze this novel because the writer wants to peel more about characterization on Pip's c haracter in Charles Dickens' Great Expectation, to know the Pip's ambition in Charles Dickens's Great Expectation, and the finally, to know Pip's ambition effect on his character.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

In order to prevent non-relevant problems, the study will be limited to the novel of *Great Expectation*. The study then focuses on the characters and the characterizations represented in the novel. To answer statement of problem stated above, Pip character and his characterization becomes the most important point to analyze.

However, some other characters that Pip interacts with will be also the object for analysis but the study will be limited to Pip and Pip's family. The scope of

this study is upon the ambition of Pip character; his ambition to get Estella's love and his target to be a gentleman.

The analysis is centered on the emergence of Pip's ambition which influences Pip attitude and his behavior. The writer will use analytical approach through characterization to reveal the personality of the character and Psychoanalysis theory by Sigmund Freud to analyze Pip's behavior in reaching his ambition.

1.5 Significance of the study

Great Expectation contains philosophical values which are valuable for hu man life. As an author who is interested observing human life, Charles Dickens in his novel conveys his philosophical ideas on how people should face life by reading this thesis. The writer hopes that reader will get education about how people face and anticipate the unwelcome problems, for instance: depression, frustration, failure etc. This thesis explores characterization especially Pip character about his a mbition in life, it is expected to give readers a lesson about ambition and spirit in life. So it inspires them more spirit to get their dreams.

Furthermore, the significance of this study is expected for the reader to get knowledge about the literature and psychological science. The writer hopes that t his study will help reader to know about psychological development of human and more interest in literature. Then, the writer also hopes that reader can find the point and tips to solve the psychological problem in their life. By reading this researc

h, reader will get more understanding and knowledge about Charles Dickens' liter ary work especially Great Expectation.

Not only for the readers, the benefit of doing this research is gotten by the writer, the writer gets some knowledge about the differences of thoughts and char acters among people in some novel, it also happens in really life. It makes the writer to be wiser to face the society around her.

1.6 Research Method

This research used descriptive qualitative method in conducting the analys is. The writer chooses this method because the object of this study is in the story of written material and descriptive qualitative method facilitates the process of analysis.

1.6.1 Research Design

In doing this research, the writer has to collect and looks for the data so the writer uses library research and field research that can support the objective of the study. According to Semi in his book it is explained that

..library research is a research that is done in the researcher's room or in the library, where the researcher sets the data and information about his or her object or research through books or other visual in struments. Meanwhile, field research is a research that is done in fi eld or some place (8).

This study uses Great Expectation novel written by Charles Dickens. Thus, through descriptive qualitative method this study wants to get a valid description about Pip's character and how big his ambition. Based on the problems above, the

writer quotes some theories which are related with the subject of the study. This s tudy uses analytical approach of characterization and theory psychoanalysis. The writer also takes any sources such as books, references and internet media for anal yzing the data.

1.6.2 Procedure of Analysis

The data which have been collected will be analyzed using literary theory.

This research is library based. In presenting the analysis, this research mainly uses descriptive-analytical method. The research follows the following steps:

- 1.6.2.1 Reading the novel.
- 1.6.2.2 Setting the statement of the problem.
- 1.6.2.3 Collecting data from main source and secondary source which support the statement of the problem.
- 1.6.2.4 Analyze the data
- 1.6.2.5 Drawing conclusion based on the result of data analysis.

1.7 Definition of Key Term

Ambition : is an earnest desire for some type of achievement or distinction, a s power, honor, fame, or wealth, and the willingness to strive for its attainment (Jessy 2014)

Character: is are the persons represented in a dramatic or narrative work, who are interpreted by the reader as possessing particular moral, intell ectual, and emotional qualities by inferences from what the persons say and their distinctive ways of saying the dialogue and from what they do the action (Abrams 42).