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Every reader has their moral value showed in the text based on their experience, background of education, age, sex, and the other aspects that will affect their answer or response toward text. In this research, the researcher explained about the moral value and reader response, it became the aspect to be analyzed in one of the popular literary works by Hans Christian Andersen "The Little Mermaid". It is chosen by the researcher to be the subject of this research. The kind of moral value used in this article is based on Kinnier et al. and the Golden Rule. The aim of this research, is to describs the moral value in the text and the response of the reader. This research used descriptive qualitativemsince the researcher wanted to explore the kinds of moral value reflected in "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen. The data of this research was obtaines from the text and from the response of the reader. The open-question questionaire is used to get the response from the reader. Eight people from UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya class of 2015 were picked randomly selected to participate in this research. As a result, the researcher found the entire moral value based on Kinnier et al. and the Golden Rule. Meanwhile, the readers only found some moral value, they are, Self-respect, but with humanity, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility and Respect and Caring for others from the text. The moral value that mostly mentioned from the text are respect and caring for others.

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Setiap pembaca memiliki nilai moral berdasarkan pengalaman, latar belakang pendidikan, usia, jenis kelamin, dan aspek lain yang akan memengaruhi jawaban atau respons mereka terhadap teks. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menjelaskan tentang nilai moral dan respons pembaca, di salah satu karya sastra oleh Hans Christian Andersen "The Little Mermaid" Ini adalah subjek dari penelitian ini. Nilai moral yang digunakan dalam artikel ini didasarkan pada Kinnier et al. dan Golden Rule. Tujuan dari penelitian ini, adalah untuk mendeskripsikan nilai-nilai moral dalam teks dan respon pembaca. Penelitian ini menggunakan kualifikasi deskriptif sebagai metode penelitian karena peneliti ingin menemukan jenis nilai moral yang tercermin dalam "The Little Mermaid" oleh Hans Christian Andersen. Data dari penelitian ini diperoleh dari teks dan dari respon pembaca. Kuesioner pertanyaan terbuka digunakan oleh pembaca. Delapan orang dari UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya angkatan 2015 terpilih untuk berpartisipasi dalam penelitian ini. Sebagai hasilnya, peneliti menemukan seluruh nilai moral berdasarkan Kinnier et al. dan Golden Rule. Sementara itu, pembaca hanya menemukan beberapa nilai moral, mereka menghargai diri sendiri, tetapi dengan kemanusiaan, disiplin diri, dan penerimaan tanggung jawab pribadi dan rasa hormat kepada orang lain dari teks. Nilai-nilai moral sebagian besar menghormati dan memperhatikan orang lain.

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#### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Background of Study.

Literature is written expression that has sense in every word (Klarer 2004:1). Literature is a way for the author to deliver their feeling and also send a message to the reader and the product of author for entertaining the reader. The product of literature has a trace that leave behind it through creative expression. (Klarer 2004:1). The author wants to make their products have a message that affect the reader life or can change their life. Literature concerns with the works of imagination, creativity, and written with beautiful language. The product of literature such as a poem, play, short story, and novel.

Based on Horace in Welek&Warren, the function of literary work is *dulce et utile*, which means beautiful and have the benefit (1949:20). Literary work has a beautiful word to make the reader feel entertained with their work, and also the advantage of the short story give them knowledge of the norm that shows in literary work. Nash describes the importance of inspiring book and stories because contain the motivation and aspiration of moral that come from the character that faces a variety of ethical conflicts (Narvaez 2002:156). Literary work such as short story has many moral values in every conflict that the characters deal with. The moral value that involves in the text will affect the reader. It can be said that the literary works are promoting the moral value..

The most favorite literary works among people are short stories. A Short story is a fictional narrative that has varieties length and only focuses on two or

three characters and also focuses on an incident that happens insight (Abraham, 1954:387). The short story same as Novel but the short story shorter than novel and only focus on an conflict that happen in the story. The author delivered that moral that they wanted to show through a short story that can be enjoyed by anyone for readers on any level, such as age, education, gender, or else.

Moral value is the standard attitude in a social context that will determine between right or wrong. The moral is about the right and wrong about their attitude or action (Susana 2018:287). It would be the rule of behavior included in social relationships. We can get the moral value through religion, culture, or we can get it from reading some texts. The text is like the articles on the internet, newspaper, or we can get it from some literary works.

According to Pradopo, Pragmatic Approach is an approach that shows the literary work as a tool to deliver their particular purpose to the reader. It can be about politics, education, moral, religion, or the other purpose (Wiyatmi 2006: 85). Pragmatic theory is the theory that displays the relationship between the literary work and the reader. The literary work could achieve an effect on readers. The effects could be emotion, aesthetic pleasure, and also their action in their reallife.

The reader involves in the text to arise the meaning of the text through, give some comments opinions, or their interpretations' from the text. The reader's responses can build another color of the literary text. Reader Response has the same meaning as its name implies the reactions or opinions of the reader (Klarer 2004:92). This theory that focuses on the reader experiences and response or opinion about the literary text then ignores about the author and the content of the text.

One of the famous short stories is "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen. This story tell about a little mermaid that has been falling in love with a human, a prince which she saved from the incident of the ship sinking due to the storm as she swam up to see the world above water. This short story was published on 7th April 1837. The author of this story, Hans C Andersen, was born in 1850. He was a man with many imaginations in his head. He dreamt about tales. He began to write poetry named "The Dying Child" after he joined grammar school. He not only wrote tales but also romance, plays, and books of travel. He had traveled to many countries, and he always wrote everything that he saw. He is a famous writer. He died in 1875.

Hans C Andersen's work is popular; many countries have the adaptation of "The Little Mermaid". In Japan there is a comic that the Japanese called it by manga, the one of adaptation of "The Little Mermaid". The title is Angel's Hill (Osamu 2016). It was published serially in Nakayoshi from January 1960 until December 1960. The author is Tezuka Osamu. This comic tells about the beautiful mermaid that breaks the rule and being rescued by the human. The second is from the United States; there is a novel named The Little Android. (Meyyer 2014) It was released on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014; the author is Merissa Meyer. It tells about an Android, a robot that like a human that builds with a program with no emotion, falling in love with a human. The third is from South Korean that has been popular with its TV series called K-Drama. The tittle is The Legend of Blue Sea

(SBS 2016). It released on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This Drama tells about the love story between the human, Co Artist and the mermaid that have across the sea to find him. The last is from Indonesia, many people in Indonesia like to watch TV series that they called with Sinetron, the one of many popular Sinetron in Indonesia is The Mermaid in Love (Astuti 2016), it released from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 until 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and continued in their second season. This Sinetron has many struggles that the mermaid should face, especially about love.

This is only a few numbers the adaption of "The Little Mermaid"; there are more such as anime (Animation from Japan), TV series, and also the theater that have the same concept with "The Little Mermaid", in many countries, Then, mermaid also becomes a concept of visual novel games from Japan named "Tokimeki Memorial Girl's side 2" (Kuramochi&Takaya 2012). Little Mermaid has been influencing many sides of countries that use the same concept, but it has a different plot of the story. Because of "The Little Mermaid" has been influencing many authors, it became the reason of the researcher had to choose this short story to be the object.

There are some studies that analyzed Hans C Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" to be their subject in many perspective. The first is, a thesis written by Lurence Julie Schaak. It analyzed "We are the Lost": Recovering the Feminist and Transcultural Complexity of Mermaids in Literature. This research focused on the feminist and transcultural complexity of the meaning of the mermaid figures itself. Then, the second researcher is Tam, Pauline Po Chun. The research

analyzes Silence and Voice in Literary Representation of The Mermaid in World Literature. The researcher discussed about the representations and concepts of mermaid across the world with many literary works that the researcher discussed. The third is The symbol of Gender-stereotypes in Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, written by Jepri Ali Saiful and Ari Setyorini. This research focused on the symbol of Gender stereotypes like Masculinity and Feminity of the text.

There are some studies used moral value or reader response in their research, they are, a research written by Syamsul Fajar entitled Moral Values Analysis in The Rainbow Troops Novel Written by Andrea Hirata. The researcher focused on the moral value of that novel and how the author presented it to the reader. Second, Moral Values Reflected in "The House Mango Street" Novel Written by Sandra Cineros. Ariyanti wrote this research. This research focused on six of the moral value from Kinnier et al. and Golden Rule. Third, An Analysis Of Moral Values In Burnett's Little Lord Fauntleroy Novel written by Desfika Beti Utami and Restu Arini. This research discussed about the moral value through the personality of Cedric, the one of the character from the novel. The fourth, An Analysis of Moral Values in Kahlil Gibran's Novel Entitled "Broken Wings" written by Cecep Priyatna. This research also focused on moral value used Schwartz's theory. The fifth, Learning from Fables: Moral Value in Three Selected English Stories written by Muklash Abrar. This research focused on potraing the ethical malue from three selected english stories. The sixth, An Analysis of Intrinsic and Moral Values in The Novel Entitled "Oliver Twist.". this

research discussed about the intrinsic elements from the text and analyzed the moral value. The seventh, The Power of Reader's Interpretation on "Negro" by Langston Hughes; A Literary Criticism Employing Reader Response Theory written by Ririn Kurnia Trisnawati. This research focused on the response about the readre or the interpretation of the issues of racial discrimination through the literar work. The last is Watching Dallas's book written by Ien Ang. This book discussed about the response of the reader about the soap opera on television named Dallas.

There were many studies that used "The Little Mermaid" as an object for their research, and also the reader response and moral value, but no one has used moral value and reader response to the story "The Little Mermaid" for their research. This is one of the reasons of the researcher to do this research.

Based on the explanation above the writer analyzed Moral Value in Little Mermaid with Reader Response theory.

#### 1.2. Statement of the Problem

The Concern with the background of the study. The problem that the writer discussed in this paper;

- How is the moral value reflected in "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen?
- 1.2.2 How is the reader's response to moral value in "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen?

#### 1.3. Objectives of The Study

This research paper analyzed the moral value in "The Little Mermaid" used moral value and reader response. There are two objectives that it's concerned with the question problem. The researcher fulfilled these objectives;

- 1.3.1. To describe how the moral value reflected in "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen
- 1.3.2. To describe how the reader's response to moral value in "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen

#### 1.4. Significant of the Study.

This research gave some contribution in theoretical and also practical field. In the theoritical field, the researcher hopes that from this research, the reader got a more improving understanding of the moral value in a short story. Primarily through reader response theory. Practically from this research, the writer hopes to give more information about Literature used in the Short Story to be the media of it. This study also may help those who are interested in moral value or to be sources of their research about moral value through reader response theory. The writer hopes that this research gives some significance to the reader.

#### 1.5. Scope and Limitation

In this paper, the researcher focused on the short story "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen. For the limitation, the researcher focused on the reflected of moral value and reader response in this short story.

#### 1.6. Method of The Study

#### 1.6.1. Research Design

To analyze the reader response of "The Little Mermaid", the researcher used the descriptive qualitative method. The qualitative method is descriptive. The researcher explained the data for this research and took some quotations from the text. It became narrative because it had more explanation from the researcher in the data analysis. Based on Yin, Qualitative method explains the phenomena from the data or the evidence (2011:18). The researcher used a quotation for the proof of moral value. The analysis focused on the word, not number and statistic.

#### 1.6.2. Data and Data Sources

The data of this research used qualitative descriptive that focused on text and responses of the participant after answered the writer question about the moral value through Google form. The question of the questionnaire used open-question. The Responses are from the student of UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya class of 2015. The participants were picked randomly, and eight people joined to be the participant. The data source of this research is the short story "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen. This short story became the object of this research; it read by the participant and also the researcher to get the moral value of this short story. The researcher also receives some sources from the book, e-book, journal, and the article from the internet.

#### 1.6.3. Data Collection

Data collection is an important part of the research. In qualitative data, the data collection should be done first; then we can continue to observe the data for

finding the significant and valid. There are some steps that the researcher took for collecting the data from the participant to analyze:

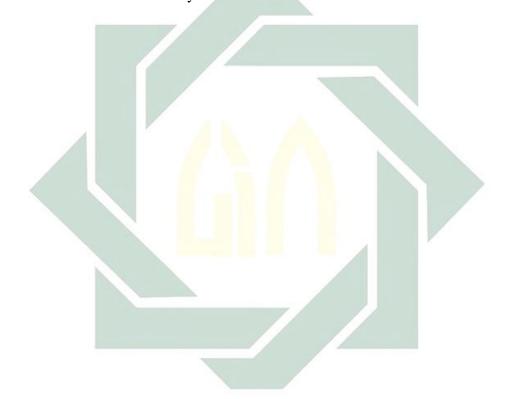
- 1. Reading "The Little Mermaid".
- 2. Highlighting the sentences and dialogues that reflect the moral value from "The Little Mermaid".
- 3. Collecting the data from "The Little Mermaid".
- 4. Classifying the data from the text based on the kinds of moral value by Kinnier et. al. And Golden Rule from International Religious Foundation.
- 5. Determining the respondents with picked the participants randomly
- 6. Conditioning the respondents by giving them the pdf of "The Little Mermaid" and asking them to read.
- 7. Setting the questioner to get the response from the readers. The questions from the researcher used open-question written in the google form.
- 8. Sharing the link from google form to the participants
- 9. Collecting the data from the participants
- 10. Analyzing the data from the participants.

#### 1.6.4. Data Analysis

After collecting the data, the researcher analyzed the data from the text and the participants used the theory the major moral value by Kinnier et al. and Golden Rule that also mentioned in Kinnier et al. Journal. The moral value is taken from the researcher and the participant that already answered the Google

form that the writer already gave to them. After a making table for grouping the moral value based on theory. Then, gave some quotations that suitable for the moral value that the writer found it and all participants already mentioned.

After collecting the data from participants, the researcher made analysis and conclusion of the participant's responses about moral value. Finally, the researcher concluded the study



#### **CHAPTER II**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter deals with the review or related literature which consists of theoritical framework that relevant to support the analysis of this research and the previous study of the other researchers.

#### 2.1. Theoretical Framework

In this theoritical framework, the researcher like to explain about reader response about the reader's opinion and moral values about right or wrong of the attitudes or actions.

#### 2.1.1. Reader Response

Reader Response has the same meaning as its name implies the responses or opinions of the reader (Klarer 2004: 92). Reader Response focuses on how the reader responses to a literary text. Reader response is different from other literary theory; the entire meaning of the texts are approved through reading the text (Bennet&Royle 2004:12). Based on Thompson in (Trisnawati 2013:4), Reader Response is a critical theory that focuses on the reader through their comments, opinion, and interpretation are acceptable. The researcher depends on how the readers react or their opinion about the literary text. Reader response did not concern a single correct meaning but, the activity of the process on the reader's mind (Kanserina 2015:28). In Reader Response, the reader becomes an active participant that will interpret the literary work from their point of view or their experiences. Based on Belich (Potter 1991:607), tell we could relate the literary text through the reader experiences or the other subjective reader about the author such as biographical, or we can get through the character or the emotion that shows in a literary text. There are many ways to get the reader response to the literary text. The researcher can make a question and directly ask them, the researcher can ask them to write about their response, or the researcher can create a questionnaire for the reader to answer their response.

According to Louis (2006:188) there are six questions that draws on subjective Reader Response theory, its about how the interaction of the text and reader for creating the meaning, the phrase by phrase analysis of the text or the key position of longer text, and then tell about the experiences that built by the text, how our interpret a literary text to show that the reader's response is analogous with the topic of the story, make the responder to explain the identity of the theme of the text that given by the author, then, ask about the body of criticism that published about the text about the critics who interpreted the text or reader experience produced by that text, last is the reading activity by conducting your study using a group of real readers.

Based on Stanley Fish, Every individual reader's responses are determined their educational background and certain socio-historical (Bennet&Royle 2004:13). The goal of the reader response itself is to make us more knowledge with reading a literary text, to get some important idea that shows in a literary text that knows seen so clearly and deeply, and also it can help us to understand the complexities and varieties of the reader experiences through the reading.

Text is something that written for reading, and the reader in the text becomes the significant people that will involve in the text. Text is combined between words and sentences that have meaning and make coherent text (Klarer 2004:2). The reader will give the text new identity and some different meaning from the text, because of many factors that influence the reader, such as, the background that they have, knowledge, the personality in every individual, and also gender.

According to Wolfangser, one of the theorists of reader response believe that a literary work always has some 'blank' in them, and only the reader can fill the 'blank' from the literary text. (Ghandehari 2012:1382). The 'blank' will fill something with the reader perspective of the text. Based on Rosenblatt reader has an important role in literature text. They can make their own life in literature and makes their meaning symbol (Roen D.&Karolindes N 2005:59). Reader involve in the text to arise the meaning of the text through, give some comments opinions, or their interpretations' from the text. The reader's responses can build another color of the literary text.

#### 2.1.2. Moral Value

The moral is about the right and wrong about their attitude or action (Susana 2018:287). The Moral usually based on Religious, Culture, Philosophical beliefs. It is about every individual behavior, attitude, and choice that drives you

in society and also the government, religion, or yourself. Based on Hazlitt, The Moral is the product of social evolution such as language, manners, law (1994:9). Every time moral always grow up by our need, order, and cooperation of social. The Moral is an important element in this world to build some good relationship between social interactions. Someone can be called immoral because they not following the moral where they live. It is also will describe who you are in front of many people; you can be accepted in their environment or not. People that have moral, they can distinguish which one is right which one is wrong, they will think before taking action, and also they will have pride if they do the right thing and will feel guilty, bad, a shame when it doesn't.

The value itself means the rule for making a decision about the right or wrong about something that you want to do or choose. Value is the most element that influences a person's behavior and attitude that will their shows in front of many people and be their guideline in all situations that they will be passed.

Moral value is familiar to us. Moral Value is known as something that teaches us about good and bad from the literary text. Based on Barterns (Abrar 2016:48) that the moral value tells about the good and evil which rule the behavior and choice. The moral value also influences our everyday life; we can know about the wrong or correct choice attitude, norms.

Moral value is very important for us because we can decide between good and bad we can know the reflects of individual character or the spirituality of someone, we can build a good relationship personal or professional live, it also can help us in eradicating problems, moral value can counter some bad influences that will attack society such as woman and child abuse, and it can be selfmotivation that will help in through situation.

There was a 'universal value' that had been identified with many experts through their informal research in many sacred books such as Bible or Al-Qur'an which presented by Kinnier, et al. It was collected from many experts through the argument that they gave. One of them was Linton, who said that the 'Universal Value' had a theory of 'Modesty' in there. Modesty means our behavior in our speech, our dress, our action, and another else (Boulanouar 2006:135). According to Kinnier et al. Journal, there are four major and specific categories of moral values (2000:9):

The first is to commitment to something that greater than oneself. It can be when we recognize the meaning and also the purpose of one's existence, or when we want to find the truth and then, seek justice.

The second is self-respect with humbleness or our respect to the others, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility. In here, we have to respect and care for ourselves. We do not exalt our self-avoid, our greediness and our centerednes, then, we have to accept the responsibility for one's behavior.

The third is we have to respect and caring the other. We have to know the connectedness between all the people. Then, we have to serve and can help the other humankind and individual. To be caring and respectful, compassionate,

tolerant, and forgiving each other is important in this major. Especially we do not hurt others such as murder, abuse, steal, cheat, lie, etc

The last is care for other living things. Not only human that we have to care at, but also the other living things. An example is our environment, our nature that we have to protect and care for.

Regarding with the four major the Moral Value above, there were many experts from Kinnier et al. that made an opinion that the Moral values in 'Universal Value' are all about 'Golden Rule' that we could found it in the laws or moral codes from the entire of the major of religion. The 'Golden Rule' implications are, treating others with respect and compassion, the virtues of truthfulness, justice, personal responsibility, self-discipline, courage, and faith.

The entire major above, we can find in our everyday life and also our behavior. We can see it in another person or our self-based on the attitude and norms.

#### 2.2. Previous Study

Some other researchers had the same theory and literary work to analyze. First, a thesis was written by Lurence Julie Schaak. It explained, "We are the Lost": Recovering the Feminist and Transcultural Complexity of Mermaids in Literature. This research focused on the feminist and transcultural complexity of the meaning of the mermaid figures itself. The writer used many genres of literary work that centers on the mermaid, including, The Arabian Nights, Hans Christian Andersen Little Mermaid, Friedrich de la Motte Fouque's Undine, Salman Rushdie's The Satanic verse, Kamila Shamie's Broken Verses, Imogen Hermes Gowar's The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock.

Then, the second researcher is Tam, Pauline Po Chun. This research analyzed, Silence and Voice in Literary Representation of The Mermaid in World Literature. The researcher discussed the different representations and concepts of mermaid across the world. There are some literary works that the researcher had discuss, Homer's Odyssey, and one of the tales that include in Brother's Grim book, Hans Christian Andersen Little Mermaid, Toni Morisson's Song of Solomon, and Yan Lianke's Shouhuo. The writer used Gender and Multicultural approaches and the other theory, and the writer also focused on the silence that had some related issues such as self-expression and incommunicativeness, muteness and deafness, madness, and rebirth.

The third is Jepri Ali Saiful, and Ari Setyorini wrote The Symbol of Gender-stereotypes in Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. This research focused on the symbol of Gender stereotypes like Masculinity and Feminity. The researcher described each meaning of the symbol that they found. The data that they used Little Mermaid 1836. The result of this research was, the symbols of masculinity such as "King," "Knife," "Sword." Then, the symbols of Feminity, "Mermaid or Siren," "Long Hair," and "Oyster."

The fourth, research written by Syamsul Fajar entitled Moral Values Analysis in The Rainbow Troops Novel Written by Andrea Hirata. The researcher focused on the moral value of that novel and how the author presented it to the reader. The result of this research was the respect of human relationships to society, their relationship with nature, friendship, and also with God.

The fifth, Moral Values Reflected in "The House Mango Street" Novel Written by Sandra Cineros. Ariyanti writes this research. This research used Kinnier et al. theory; it tells about six major criteria of moral value. The result of this research is, "respect of caring for others," "to not hurt others,"

The sixth, An Analysis Of Moral Values In Burnett's Little Lord Fauntleroy Novel written by Desfika Beti Utami and Restu Arini. This research focused on the personality of Cedric the one character of that novel; then the researcher found the moral values through Cedric's personality. The result of this research, the researcher found two things; Cedric has a good personality, and the Moral values that the researcher found were honestly, kindness, hospitality, modesty, empathy, and responsible.

The seventh, An Analysis of Moral Values in Kahlil Gibran's Novel Entitled "Broken Wings" written by Cecep Priyatna. This research focused on found the moral value used Schwartz's theory. The result of this research used Schwartz theory such as power, benevolence, self-direction, conformity, tradition, security, hedonism, universalism, stimulation, and achievement.

The eighth, Learning from Fables: Moral Value in Three Selected English Stories written by Muklash Abrar. The researcher focused on portraying the ethical values, and the researcher wanted to let the readers know that they could learn something from fables. The fables that the researcher used were, The Rabbit and The Turtle, The Fox and The Goat, and The Monkey and The Crocodile. The results of this research were, Never underestimate the weakest point, Never give up is the key to success, Look before you leap, Being smart helps better in life, and Trust is the best basis of the relationship.

The ninth, An Analysis of Intrinsic and Moral Values in The Novel Entitled "Oliver Twist." This research focused on described the intrinsic element and analyzed the moral value. The results of the study were bravery, humbleness, honesty, steadfastness, sympathetic to others, cooperativeness, thankfulness, kindhearted, trustworthiness, sincerity, love, and affection.

The tenth, The Power of Reader's Interpretation on "Negro" by Langston Hughes; A Literary Criticism Employing Reader Response Theory written by Ririn Kurnia Trisnawati. This research focused on reader interpretation of the issues of racial discrimination through the Poem "Negro." The results of this research were, first, the readers give the power of tolerance and also understanding, sympathy toward the discrimination. The second, the study understand the different perspective of the readers toward the literary text.

The last is Watching Dallas's book written by Ien Ang. This book told us about the soap opera on television that popular although the story of this soap opera was complicated and also had the same conflict. The researcher here curious about how the viewers have the pleasure when watch this soap opera, what kind of feeling that can make them have the desire to watch it still although this soap opera had a very long episode, seems will never end. The researcher made the participant wrote a letter to her, and she tried to interpret the letter from the participant. There were many kinds of opinion and story or their experienced about the soap opera.



#### **CHAPTER III**

#### MORAL VALUE REFLECTED IN THE 'LITTLE MERMAID'

In this chapter, the writer wanted to study and the discussion of the moral value in Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid". The researcher displayed all the data that found of moral value based on Kinnier et al. major type of the moral value, and even Golden Rule mentioned in Kinnier Journal. This analysis attempt to answer the problem of this research.

After the writer read, tried to understand the text, and analyzed the text, the writer found some Moral Value based on Kinnier et al. These are the moral value that showed in Little Mermaid

### 3.1 Commitment to something greater than oneself

Commitment to something greater than oneself is admitting the existence and committed to a supreme being, higher principle, or the meaning or the purpose of the presence of someone. This category has three aspects; there are 2 data to recognize the purpose or meaning of one's existence, 1 data from to seek the truth, and 1 data to seek justice.

#### 3.1.1 Recognize the purpose or meaning of one's existence

This aspect is pictured the attitude of human beings when realizing where they come from, or something like God or Universe. This illustrated in Little Mermaid story by Little mermaid as quoted below,

"Nothing gave her so much pleasure as to hear about the world above the sea. She made her grandmother tell her all she knew of the ships and the towns, the people and the animal. To her, it seemed most wonderful and beautiful to hear that the flowers of the land should have fragrance and not those below the sea; that the trees could sing so sweetly, that it was quite a pleasure to hear them. Her grandmother called the little birds fishes, or she would not have understood her; for she had never seen birds. (Pg. 61)

Little mermaid heard from her Grandmother about the world above, and she amazed by something that she could not found in this underwater world such as animal, plant, town, ships. She admits that there is something greater than her underwater world. Something she was never seen before.

Next, is illustrated by one of the daughters of the air. It happened after Little Mermaid thought she became a foam. The quotation as follows,

"Among the daughters of the air," answered one of them. "A mermaid has not an immortal soul, nor can she obtain one unless she wins the love a human being. On the power of another hangs her eternal destiny. But the daughter of the air, although they do not possess an immortal soul, can, by their good deeds, procure one for themselves. We fly to warm countries and cool the sultry air that destroys mankind with the pestilence. We carry the perfume of the flowers to spread health and restoration. After we have striven for three hundred years to all the good in our power, we receive an immortal soul and take part in the happiness of mankind. You, poor little mermaid, have tried with your whole heart to do as we are doing; you have suffered and endured and raised yourself to the spirit-world by your good deeds; and now, by striving for three hundred years in the same way, you may obtain an immortal soul." (Pg. 79)

After Little Mermaid threw herself to the water, she thought that she already became foam, but not. She has heard something that sounds from The Daughters of the air. Daughter of the air told Little Mermaid she had an immortal soul because there is a power that gives her eternal destiny because of her good

deeds. Little Mermaid got immortal soul because of her hard work to got prince heart wholeheartedly. The Daughter of the air makes little mermaid recognize there was a power that could make her got an Immortal soul.

#### 3.1.2 To seek truth

The aspect of value that makes us accept the challenge to take the risk of finding the truth of something or get information about something to happen. This happened in this story as quoted below,

However, each promised to tell the others what she saw in her visit, and what she thought the most beautiful; for their grandmother could not tell them enough; there were so many things on which they wanted information. (Pg. 62)

When the mermaids entered the age of 15th years, they could swim to the surface of the water, and looked at all that happened above. Then, Little Mermaid and her sisters made a promise to tell the others about what were they saw when swam to the upper world. They tried to found more information because their Grandmother did not tell her much.

#### 3.1.3 To Seek Justice

The last aspect of this category, to found their fairness of life. It illustrated by Little Mermaid when she asked her Grandmother about human beings. The quotation as follows,

"If human beings are not drowned," asked Little Mermaid, "can they live forever? Do they never die as we do here in the sea?"

"Yes," replied the old lady, "They must also die, and their term of life is even shorter than ours. We sometimes live to three hundred years, but when we cease to exist here we only become the foam on the surface of the water, and we have not even a grave down here

of those we love. We have not immortal souls, we shall never live again; but, like the green sea-weed, when once it has been cut off, we can never flourish more. Human beings, on the contrary, which lives forever, lives after the body has been turned to dust. It rises out of the water, and behold all the land of the earth, so do they rise to unknown and glorious regions which we shall never see."

"Why have not we an immortal soul?" asked Little Mermaid... (Pg. 69)

Little Mermaid asked her Grandmother why they could not get an immortal soul. After her Grandmother explanation, she gets a little mad. Because she feels that this was not fair. Why mermaid only being foam and they could not live again, but human beings could be live again with their immortal soul.

3.2 Self-Respect, but with humanity, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility

This Category teaches us to be more appreciate of yourself and does not be a selfish person. Based on data that has been collected, there are three aspects; 3 for to respect and care for oneself, 1 to not exalt oneself, avoid greediness or selfishness, or self-centeredness, last is 1 for to accept responsibility of one's behavior. The analysis for the aspect as follows,

#### 3.2.1 To respect and care for oneself

To respect and care for oneself, create good behavior for every individual to make them more worth. It Illustrated by Little Mermaid's Grandmother, as quotation below,

"Why have not we an immortal soul?" asked Little Mermaid mournfully; I would give gladly all the hundreds of years that I have to live to be a human being only for one day and to have the hope of knowing the happiness of that glorious world above the stars" '

"You must no think of that," said the old woman; "we feel ourselves to be much happier and much better of than human beings" (Pg. 69)

When Little Mermaid feels sad because mermaid could not get the immortal soul and willing to give her three hundred years of her age for made her be a human being for a day, then Little Mermaid's Grandmother told her to be happy with what they have now.

The second of respect and caring for oneself. It was illustrated by Little Mermaid when she was in Prince Castle. The quotation was written below,

This was great sorrow to Little Mermaid, she knew how much more sweetly she herself could sing...

Then Little Mermaid raised her lovely white arms, stood on the tip of her toes and glided over the floor and danced as no one yet had been able to dance. At each moment her beauty become revealed and her expressive eyes appealed more directly to the heart than the song

...everyone was enchanted, especially the prince.... (Pg.74)

Little Mermaid sad when she saw that the prince looked to appreciate the slave's performance with her voice and Little Mermaid knew that she had a wonderful voice, but she dumbs now. Then, she tried to dance in front of all the people in the party. She danced with her beautiful smooth and her expressive eyes. Little Mermaid tried to performance what she could proudly, and can make all people in the party amazed with her performance

The third of this aspect was the last. It happened when Little Mermaid heard about the prince marriage. It quoted below,

Very soon it was said the prince must marry, and that the beautiful daughter of a neighboring king would be his wife, for time ship was being fitted out

Little Mermaid smiles, and shook her head, she knew the prince thoughts better than any of the other. (Pg.76)

This quotation above explained the positive thought of Little Mermaid when she heard that the prince would marry someone from the other kingdom. She still smiled and erased much bad thought in her head and believed in the Prince.

#### To not exalt oneself, avoid greediness, and self-centeredness 3.2.2

This aspect means that we have to be humble, do not be so selfish about something for your advantage, we should think about the other. This showed in this story when Little Mermaid tried to face up her death. The quotation as follows.

Little Mermaid drew back the crimson curtain of the tent, and beheld the fair bride with her head resting on the prince's breast. She bent down kissed his fair brow, then looked at the sky on which the rosy dawn grew brighter and brighter, then she glanced at the sharp knife trembled in the hand of little mermaid then she flung it far away from her into the waves. (Pg.79)

The quotation above told us that Little Mermaid tried to refrain herself from killing the prince for her own sake. Little mermaid's sister and Grandmother gave her a knife from a witch after they were cut off their long and beautiful hair to be the payment to the witch. If she killed the prince, she would be a mermaid again, but if not, she would be foam. But, she could not kill the prince after saw he mumble his bride's name. She did not kill him and accepted her death to be foam in the wave.

#### 3.2.3 To act with consience

This value teaches us to be more understand about our attitude through our feeling and thinking that come from our heart and conscience. It was showed by Little Mermaid. The quotation below,

So she passed quickly through the wood and the marsh, and between the rushing whirlpools. She saw that in her father's palace the torches in the ballroom were extinguished, and all within asleep; but she did not venture to go in to them, for now she was dumb and going to leave them forever, she felt as if her heart would break. She stole into the garden, took a flower from the flower-beds of each of her sisters, kissed her hand a thousand times towards the palace, and then rose up through the dark blue waters. (Pg. 73)

When Little Mermaid wanted to go from her castle, she remember that she wanted to say goodbye to her sisters although from afar. It showed that Little Mermaid with her feeling and her conscience tried to say goodbye with her sisters and the others on the castle, although she could just gone without di that,\.

#### 3.2.4 To accept responsibility for one's behavior.

This aspect teaches us to be more understand and concern about our responsibility for our lives. It illustrated by Little Mermaid and The Witch. The quotation below,

"But I must be paid also," said the witch; "and it is not a trifle that I ask. You have the sweetest voice of any who dwell here in the depths of the sea, and you believe that you will be able to charm the prince with it also. But this voice you must give to me, the best thing you possess will I have for the price of my draught my own blood must be mixed with it, that it may be as sharp as a two-edged sword" '

"But if you take away my voice," said Little Mermaid, "What is left for me?"

"Your beautiful form, your graceful walk, and your expressive eyes, surely with these you can enchain a man's heart. Well, have you lost courage? Put out your little tongue that I may cut it off as my payment, then you shall have the powerful draught."

"it shall be." Said Little Mermaid.

Then the witch placed her cauldron on the fire to prepare the magic draught. (Pg.72)

Between Little Mermaid and The witch have a responsibility that had to do. Little Mermaid accepted the potion if she cut off her tongue for the witch. Then the witch, she had a responsibility to make Little Mermaid a potion to make her a human that had beautiful legs, beautiful movement, and expressive eyes, to get the prince love after Little Mermaid gave her tongue.

# 3.3 Respect and caring for others

Respect and caring for others is a value that teaches us to be more humble to others, tolerant, and also well behaved. There are 4 aspects for this category, based on data that already collected; 2 for Recognize, the connectedness between all people, 2 for to serve humankind and to be helpful to individuals, 8 for To be caring, respectful, compassionate, tolerant, and forgiving of others, last is 1 for to not hurts other.

#### For recognize the connectedness between all people

Recognize the connectedness between all make all people understand about their relationship. This value illustrated by Little Mermaid when she saw her sisters. The quotation as below,

Once during the night, her sisters came up arm-in-arm, singing sorrowfully, as they floated in the water. She beckoned to them,

and then they recognized her, and told her how she had grieved them (Pg.75)

Little Mermaid gave a signal to her sisters that came up to the surface together, although she was not a mermaid again or maybe she would never come back to the underwater world. She still knew her sisters and wanted them to recognize her. She always kept her relationship with her sister. This kind of situation also happened in another part of the story,

Then her sisters came up on the waves, and gazed mournfully, wringing their white hands. She beckoned to them, and smiled, and wanted to tell them how happy and well off she was;..... (Pg.76)

Little Mermaid still wanted to them knew if she was fine, she was delighted in the castle. This showed that Little Mermaid kept her relationship with her sisters told them about her feeling and still recognized them, although she was not a mermaid again.

#### To serve humankind and to be helpful to individual 3.3.2

Humankind was social people that cannot live alone, so that why we have to help each other. This value teaches us to be someone who likes to help each other when they need help. This happened when Little Mermaid saw the Prince drowning. As quoted below,

At one moment it was so pitch dark that she could not see a single object, but a flash of lightning revealed the whole scene; she could see everyone who had been on board excepting the prince, when the ship parted, she had seen him sink into the deep waves, and she was glad, for she thought he would now be with her, and then she remembered that human beings could not live in the water....

Then she dived deeply under the dark waters, raising and falling with the waves, till at length she managed to reach the young prince who was fast losing the power of swimming in that stormy sea. His limbs were falling him, his beautiful eyes were closed, and he would have died had not Little Mermaid come to his assistance. She held his head above the water, and let the waves drift the, where they would. (Pg.66)

The quotation above Little Mermaid tried to help the prince from the shipwreck. She took the risk through the plank from the shipwreck that ready to sink. Little Mermaid helped the prince that almost died, although she was not a human.

The second situation is when Little Mermaid's sister tried to help Little Mermaid. The quotation as follows,

At length she could bear it no longer, and told one of her sisters all about it. Then the others heard the secret, and very soon it became know who the prince was to two mermaids whose intimate friend to know who the prince was. She had also seen the festival on board ship, and she told them where the prince came from, and where his palace stood.

.....then they entwined their arms and rose up in a long row to the surface of the water, close by the spot where they knew the prince's palace stood (Pg.67)

Little Mermaid told something that made her sad to one of her sisters. One by one, the other sister heard the secret and tried to help Little Mermaid to found the place of a prince. Then, Little Mermaid's sisters accompany her to the castle of the prince. It showed that they were loved to help her sibling.

3.3.3 To be caring, respectful, compassionate, tolerant, and forgiving of others.

This is how human beings attitude toward others. We have to be caring, respectful, compassionate, tolerant and forgive each other. Thi

s value found the most than the additional value. The first situation from this story showed by Little Mermaid, The quotation below,

She climbed with the prince to the tops of high mountains; and although her tender feet bled so that even her steps were marked, she only laughed, and followed him till they clouds beneath them looking like a flock of birds traveling to distant lands. (Pg.74-75)

The quotation above showed the compassionate of Little Mermaid to the prince. She was still happy with someone that she loved the most, although she felt pain in her two legs when they climbed the mountain. She laughed about being with the prince. One sign of her loved to him that she cares about the prince happiness.

The second illustrated by the Prince. He showed how he loved Little Mermaid. The quotation below,

"Do you not love me the best of them all?" the eyes of Little Mermaid seemed to say, when he took her in his arms, and kissed her fair forehead

"Yes, you are dear to me," said the prince (Pg.75)

Just like as Little Mermaid, the Prince showed her cared with his hugged and kissed. He showed her compassion toward Little Mermaid when Little Mermaid asked him if any other that you loved than her. Then, he hugged and kissed her and answered that she was dear to him.

The third, when Little Mermaid faced her dead, but still join the happiness of the wedding of the prince. The quotation as follows,

All was joy and gayety on board ship till long after midnight, she laughed and danced with the rest, while the through of death were in heart. (Pg.78)

Little Mermaid faced her death, but she wanted to enjoyed and respect the other in the party for not looked sad in a happy moment. She danced and laughed all night, although in her mind only her death when the sunrise.

The fourth happened when Little Mermaid's family came up to the surface with the knife. This illustrated by the quotation below,

She saw her sister raising out of the flood they were as pale as herself, but their long beautiful hair waved no more in the wind and had been cut off.

"we have given our hair to the witch", said they "to obtain help for you, that may you not die tonight. She has given us knife: here it is, see it is very sharp. Before the sun rises you must plunge it into the heart of the prince; when the warm blood fall upon your feet they will grow together again, and form into a fish's tail, and you will be once more a mermaid, and return to us to live out your three hundred years before you die and change into the salt sea foam." (Pg.78)

Little Mermaid's sister and her Grandmother have her hair to the witch for helping Little Mermaid from her death. They were willing to give their beautiful hair and get the knife from the witch to killed the prince and made Little Mermaid to be a Mermaid again live together with them. It showed how Little Mermaid's sister and Grandmother loved her so much, gave everything that they had for Little Mermaid.

The fifth, illustrated by Little Mermaid's Grandmother. It showed respect for the pride that Kingdom's family. The quotation as follows,

"At last she reached her fifteenth year, "Well, now, you are grown up," said the old dowager, her grandmother, "so you must let me adorn you like your other sisters;" and she placed a wreath of white lilies in her hair, and every flower leaf was half a pearl. Then the old lady ordered eight great oysters to attach themselves to the tail of the princess to show her high rank.'

"But they hurt me, so," said Little Mermaid

"Pride must suffer pain," replied the old lady.... (Pg.64)

It showed how Little Mermaid's Grandmother respects the pride of the Kingdom family and wanted to put the oyster to the princess or Little Mermaid's tail to show that she was a high-rank family. Little Mermaid felt afraid because the oyster would hurt her. Then, the old lady gave the oyster to respect Little Mermaid high rank and showed that she was the Princess of the underwater kingdom.

Little Mermaid illustrated the sixth of this value. It showed her care toward the prince. The quotation as follows,

The mermaid kissed his high, smooth forehead, and stroked his back his wet hair; he seemed to her like the marble statue in her little garden, and she kissed him again, and wished that he might live. (Pg.66)

Little Mermaid care about the prince, she kissed, and stroke his hair tried to make the Prince woke up and still alive. Little Mermaid's action was soft toward the prince. This is showed how much she cares about him.

The seventh told us about how Little Mermaid felt relieved when she saw the prince still alive. Little Mermaid showed her concern toward the prince. The quotation as below,

She seemed frightened at first, but only for a moment; then she fetched a number of people, and Little Mermaid saw the prince came to life again, and smiled upon those who stood round him. (Pg.67)

After she brought the Prince to the edge of the sea when she knew there was someone that came near, she hurried to hide, from a distance she looked the prince and felt realize that there were many people who came and he came alive. She was showed caring value; she concerns about the prince life.

The eighth, it showed by the Prince. It illustrated the prince care toward Little Mermaid. It quotation below,

".....if I were forced to choose a bride, I would rather choose you, my dumb foundling, with those expressive eyes," and then she kissed her rosy mouth, played with her long waving hair, and laid his head on her heart, while she dreamed of human happiness and immortal soul. (Pg.76)

It showed how the prince loves Little Mermaid. This quotation above also showed the prince compassion toward Little Mermaid. He told to Little Mermaid if he would choose her to be his bride if he has to marry someone. And it made Little Mermaid knew that the Immortal soul and human happiness in front of her face.

#### 3.3.4 To not hurt

It shows that humans keep others and another; they will avoid something bad happens; they will not hurt and protect. Only one data that reflected this value in the story. It showed on the quotation below,

.....and the sharp knife trembled in the hand of Little Mermaid, then she flung it far away for her into the waves, the water turned red where it fell, and the drops that spurted up looked like blood. She cast one more lingering, half-fainting glance at the prince, and then threw herself from the ship into the sea and thought her body was dissolving into foam. (Pg.79)

Little Mermaid did not kill the prince; she did not hurt the prince because he looked loved his bride. She threw away her knife that she got from her sisters and Grandmother. Then, she chose to threw herself into the sea and accepted her destiny to be foam and not get the immortal soul.

# 3.4 Caring for other living things and the environment.

This value told about we have to care and saved other living things like an animal and plant. We have to keep our environment fresh and clean. This value only showed once in this story. The quotation as bellow,

Each of the young princesses had a little plot of ground in the garden, where she might dig and plant as she pleased. One arranged her flower-bed into the form of a whale; another thought it better to make hers like the figure of a little mermaid ... (Pg.64)

This quotation above showed that Little Mermaid and her sisters liked to plant and cared for flowers. This is also caring for living things. They had their garden and plot to plant everything that she wanted. And the flower that they cared can be much creativity.

#### 3.5 Courage

The attitude of someone that has a power or brave when she/he face up something difficult, challenge, or maybe take the risk of their life to do something right by their opinion. There are 2 data of classification about this value. The first quotation below,

So she swam about among the beams and planks which stewed the surface of the sea, forgetting that they could crush her to pieces. Then she dived deeply under the dark waters, rising and falling with the waves, till at length she managed to reach the young prince, who was fast losing the power of swimming in that stormy sea. (Pg.66)

Little Mermaid helped the prince and took a risk for her life; she was so brave to swim through the plank that sometimes could hit her and dangerous her life. Little Mermaid dared to help the prince.

Next, the second data was illustrated by Little Mermaid. It happened when she tried to go to the Witch place. The quotation below,

The branches were long slimy arms, with fingers like flexible worms, moving limb after limb from the root to the top. All that could be reached in the sea seize upon, and held fast, so that it never escaped from their clutches. Little Mermaid was so alarmed at what she saw, that the stood still, and her heart beat with fear, and she was very nearly turning back, but she thought of the prince, and of the human soul for which she longed, and her courage returned (Pg.71)

Little Mermaid decided to visit the Witch place for asking help. Before her entering the Witch place, she had to pass through the forest that had weird creatures inside. Little Mermaid felt so scared, and she wanted to turn back. Then she remembered about the immortal soul; her courage was back; she can walk across that weird creature. She could gather her brave to across it, although it would get her and dangerous her life.

#### 3.6 Faith

This value told us about trust to something or someone such as God, Religion, or Something spiritual. In this story, 3 data reflected faith. The quotation as follows,

"They must also die, and their term of life is even shorter than ours." We sometimes live to three hundred years, but when we cease to exist here we only become the foam on the surface of the water, and we have not even a grave down here of those we love. We have not immortal souls, we shall never live again; but, like the green sea-weed, when once it has been cut off, we can never flourish more. Human beings, on the contrary, which lives forever, lives after the body has been turned to dust. It rises out of the water, and behold all the land of the earth, so do they rise to unknown and glorious regions which we shall never see." (Pg.69)

The quotation above showed that Little Mermaid's Grandmother had faith. Little Mermaid's Grandmother believes that they would be foam if they died. Then, the human being would be dead and be dust, but their soul still alive forever. The Immortal soul of humans would live in the placed that every mermaid could not see.

The other faith that reflected in this story also illustrated by Little Mermaid's Grandmother. It told about a mermaid that could get the immortal soul. The quotation as follows,

"Unless a man were to love you so much that you more to him than his father or mother; and if all his thoughts and all his love were fixed upon you, and the priest placed his right hand in yours, and he promised to be true to you here and hereafter, then his soul would glide into your body, and you would obtain a share in the future happiness of mankind. He would give a soul to you and retain his own as well; nut this can never happen. ...." (Pg.69)

A Mermaid could get an immortal soul if they could get someone that loved them more than the other. Then, they should marry her. This was Little Mermaid's Grandmother believe in getting immortal soul and happiness to be human.

The third illustrated by one of the Daughter of air. She told about a power that gives you an eternal destiny. The quotation as follows,

Among the daughters of the air," answered one of them. "A mermaid has not an immortal soul, nor can she obtain one unless she wins the love a human being. On the power of another hangs her eternal destiny. But the daughter of the air, although they do not possess an immortal soul, can, by their good deeds, procure one for themselves. We fly to warm countries and cool the sultry air that destroys mankind with the pestilence. We carry the perfume of the flowers to spread health and restoration. After we have striven for three hundred years to all the good in our power, we receive an immortal soul and take part in the happiness of mankind. You, poor little mermaid, have tried with your whole heart to do as we are doing; you have suffered and endured and raised yourself to the spirit-world by your good deeds; and now, by striving for three hundred years in the same way, you may obtain an immortal soul." (Pg. 79)

The Daughter of air explained to Little Mermaid, that everyone can get immortal soul, but have to be a good girl. Then, she told about Power that could make them be a human being and gain an immortal soul. After they are struggling in three hundred years with all the good deeds. The power would make to live in the Kingdom of Heaven and get eternal soul.

#### **CHAPTER IV**

# THE READER RESPONSE OF STORY TO FIND THE MORAL VALUE IN "THE LITTLE MERMAID".

After the writer found the Moral Value that reflected on the story and the opposite of the moral value that reflected in the story, the writer gave some question toward the participant to get their Response. The problem related to the kinds of moral value by Kinnier et al. and the golden rule, and also the question about their interpretation of the story. Eight participants have been answered the 12 questions.

# 4.1. The question about how they feel after reading the story.

The writer asked about what they feel after reading the story. There were many kinds of feel that they feel after reading this story. The table showed below,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	A little Sad
P2	My feeling became very sad
	Feel blessed because I know the real
P3	story of this fairy tale since I just
	watched in Disney Movie.
P4	I feel touched
P5	Feel empathetic to Little Mermaid
P6	Peaceful
P7	Nothing
	Inspired, after reading Little Mermaid
P8	struggle to fight her love, I feel like it
	has to do the same. Work hard toward
	anything that I love.

There were 2 Participants; they are P1 and P2. They felt sad after reading this story; it was because Little Mermaid hard works to get the prince are useless. The prince married another woman that he thought is someone who helped him. Another response was from P3, P3 felt blessed because she only knows the Disney version of this story, that means the simple one and the happy one. After that, she knew the real story from Little Mermaid, and she blesses. Then, P4 felt touched because of the greater sacrifice that Little Mermaid did toward the Prince. Little Mermaid gave her tongue, left her family and three hundreds life of her. That was a big sacrifice. Next participant is P5 that felt empathetic toward Little Mermaid. Because with the same reason, her struggle. The P6 and P7 have a different answer from the other. P6 felt peaceful, be inspired wanted to be a better human being. Then, the P7 said nothing. After reading this story, she was not feeling anything, just as usual. The last Participant, P8 said, being inspired. P8 thought that this story makes her motivated to work hard toward something that she loves, and it because of Little Mermaid's struggle.

They have different kinds of feelings after reading this story, but most of them have the same reason why they feel like that. It is because Little Mermaid struggles to get the prince. The most stands up of the story is about the struggle that influences their feeling after reading this story.

#### 4.2. The question about what they learned after reading this story.

In this question, the writer asked about what they learn in the story. The most participant learns toward the story is about struggle. The Participants opinion as follow,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	Love cannot be forced, even though you
r i	have sacrificed for someone.
P2	An effort to gain what we love
	I learned that sometimes, love needs to
P3	be sacrificed. But privately, I won't do
rs	the same as Little Mermaid did to the
	Prince
P4	About hope that doesn't always come
	true
P5	Everything can be achieved through
	great sacrifice.
P6	Helping people lead to good fortune and
	happiness.
P7	A sacrifice
P8	Never give up What we want in life
	even if it's hard.

Five participants learned about sacrifice, but it was in a different meaning.

The P1 said that we could not force someone to love us, although you already sacrifice everything. In this story, Little Mermaid tried to make the Prince fall in love with her, with be a human. She sacrificed her voice and her family to get him. Then, she could not get the love of the prince, although the prince cares about her. Then, the P2 said that if we love something, we have to strive to get it. It is showed Little Mermaid effort to get the prince's love also. Next, P3 said that sometimes something that we love needs our sacrifice, but P3 would never do much as Little Mermaid because her sacrifice was too much. The fourth participant the learned about sacrifice is P5, it said that with a great sacrifice, we could get everything. The struggle that Little Mermaid has been through to get immortal soul, she has to work to live in spirit-world for three hundred years to get the real immortal soul and went to the Kingdom of heaven. This is a great sacrifice; she does everything until they reach the change again to get the immortal soul in spirit-world. P7 said she learned about sacrifice. Then, the other participant, from P4 noted something that we hope. Usually, it never comes true. Just like a Little Mermaid, she had a hope toward the prince, to get married to him, and stayed with him. Then, she could not. From P6 said that with help someone, we could get good fortunes and happiness. After Little Mermaid helps the Princes, she felt happy because after she helped the prince she got many suffer, but then it leads Little Mermaid to reach the Immortal Soul in the end after she could strive for three hundred years. The last P8, it is about even something that we want is hard to get, we should never give up. Little Mermaid never give up to get the prince; she tried everything she could. The most influence the reader still the same, about the struggle of Little Mermaid

# 4.3. The Questions about Moral value.

## 4.3.1. Commitment to something greater than oneself.

Five participants could not find the value of Commitment to something greater than oneself; they are P1, P3, P5, P6, and P8.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	No
P2	Indeed witches with their strength are extraordinary things. But, the magic world will still be defeated by the miracle of God. Because God is the most powerful of sal. God can change someone's destiny if he wants it.
P3	No
P4	Little Mermaid who tried to get the love of the prince because it felt unfair why

	humans and mermaids have a different
	destiny.
P5	-
P6	I am not sure
P7	Even though your love is rejected, do
	not go to the shaman.
P8	I did not learn any.

P2 said that the witches magic was something extraordinary. Participant 2 recognized that there is something great such as the magic from the witches. It showed when Little Mermaid asked the Witch to make her legs, and she gets it. But, the participant said there was something that greater, that is God the most powerful. In the story, there is not about God; the participant only put that to remember that there is God that can change our destiny. P4 said Little Mermaid need to seek justice for her, because it felt unfair, the human and the mermaid have different destiny after death. The human can be dust after their death bust still can alive again because they have an immortal soul, but the mermaids are only foam after their death, and they would never be active again although only her soul. P7 said that if our love rejected, do not go to the witch. Little Mermaid is not rejected yet when she goes to the witch. But, when she was at the end of her life, their families went to the witch to get a knife. So, the participant in here was told us not to go to the witch. Participant 7 recognizes that there is something power magic that extraordinary. The, most showed from this value is The are recognize something greater such as magic from the witch that can make everything come true.

4.3.2. Self-respect, but with humility, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility

There is 3 Participant that showed about Self-Respect from the story, four about avoid selfishness, and there is one participant that could not find this value. It showed below,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	You have to respect yourself and love yourself. Because don is not stupid of love. It's ok if you become a human being so that you can be with your loved ones. Apparently no, he married someone.
P2	Little Mermaid is one of someone who avoids selfishness. She made an effort kindly to gain the love of someone she loves. But when he hurts, she not selfish to hurt him back.
Р3	Yeah, knowing Little Mermaid who has huge ambitions; thus, she did not respect herself. She did not think about her future. The best thing should be she leave the prince and not take the risk with lost as the dust.
P4	Little Mermaid has the opportunity to return to being a mermaid by killing the prince. But, seeing the prince so sincerely loves his bride, Little Mermaid sacrifice by discouraging killing the prince
P5	Respect yourself as God created us
P6	Yes, I thought that Little Mermaid is too small minded in deciding what she would do in her life. She voluntarily gave her beautiful voice and fin so that she can meet the prince and live happily ever after together, but unfortunately, that's not the case
P7	Being aware of your limits. We cannot force our will according to our wishes when we have to give in and take the best course
P8	No

P1 said we have to love yourself and make us think before doing anything stupid. Little Mermaid does not love herself because she does anything to get the Prince and the Immortal soul. The P3 said that Little Mermaid has too massive ambitious toward the prince and make her forget about how the consequences that she would take in the future. Then, the participant 3 said that Little Mermaid should forget about the prince do not take too much risk for her life. It showed that Little Mermaid less respect for her self and make her lose a lot. After that, from P5 said, we should respect our person and accepted what God created us. Little Mermaid showed that she was disappointed with her tail and not accepted what she had.

To not exalt oneself or being selfish, greedy, or else are has been found by 4 Participants. The participant 2 said that Little Mermaid is not a selfish person. She was kind, and she was not to tried hurt the prince back although she was already broken. When Little Mermaid attempted to kill the prince, she threw away the knives and let the prince still alive, and she threw herself in the deep ocean. Then, P4 have the same reason why Little Mermaid is not a selfish person. P4 said that Little Mermaid could kill him that night, but, Little Mermaid saw how the prince loves his bride then she did not kill him and sacrifice herself. From the P6, she said that Little Mermaid was short-minded and thought that was very easy, then she could not get the prince. She was too fast to take decisions, and she was not thinking about her risk, what things she would be lost after that. She was also self-centeredness. The P7 said that everyone has limits that we have to concern with. So do not pull something too hard we have to think about taking or give. It

is shown the value about do not be a greedy person. Little Mermaid gave everything that she had for the Prince, and she was not thinking about the risk, and what she wants that time should be here. Then, Participant number 8 could not find the value in this story. The most value that showed from their answered was about the selfish and not selfish of Little Mermaid.

### 4.3.3. Respect and Caring for other

The six participants found the value about respect the others from the text and only one that could not found these value in the text. The response of the participants are below,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	No. Because the prince hurt the mermaid.
P2	I found a sense of caring and help each other in all the sisters of Little Mermaid. When Little Mermaid in dangerous situations, all her sister come to help her.  I found the sense of respectful in Little Mermaid towards the grandma. Because she becomes someone who loyal against the regulation of before 15 years old, she didn't get permits to the up of the sea. And she did it.
	I found a sense of not hurt each other in Little Mermaid personality to not damage the prince even though he hurt her heart.
P3	I found caring; most people would give the same answer as me. In these cases, Little Mermaid spent her time to care much to someone who never belongs to hers (Prince). So suck.
P4	When Little Mermaid failed to get the love of the prince, it turned out that her grandmother and sisters still cared about helping a Little Mermaid. So she could return being a mermaid b sacrificing their

	hair to be exchanged for knives from the witch.
	Keep relationship, loving & helping others as did the sisters of Little Mermaid to help her get back
P5	Love & try not to hurt as Little Mermaid did to the prince; she did not kill the prince even though by killing him, she could live & return to the sea.
P6	Yes, I found the value to be kind and be helpful to others as Little Mermaid did when she saved the prince's life. The value of not hurting people also found at the end of the
	story when she decided to sacrifice her life by not killing he the prince
	Hmm. It's a bit difficult. Because maybe everyone views are different. But certainly, in my opinion, the learning that can be taken
P7	is honesty. Whatever the reality, it must be said no. Like swallowing a bitter pill. You need to drink. And I think this story can only make its salvation
P8	Yes. When Ariel exchange her voice for legs so she could move above the water to meet the prince, that's how we have to fight for love; we need to sacrifice.

P1 is the only one participants that could not find the value, because the prince hurt Little Mermaid. Then, The Participant 2 found three points about these value, P2 found that when Little Mermaid in a dangerous situation such as when she wanted to die, her sister came and tried to help her, it showed the caring and helped each other. The P2 also found about the respect of Little Mermaid toward the regulation about when she could swim to the surface of the water, and she waits until she was 15th years old as like what her Grandmother said. Little Mermaid respect about the regulation. The third value found by P2 was Little Mermaid do not hurt the prince even her hear felt so hurt. Then the Participant 3 found about caring, Little Mermaid care with the prince who does not be long for her. Little Mermaid love the prince, and she kissed, she hugged and did everything. From P4, showed how dear Little Mermaid for her Grandmother and her Sisters. She came to help her with gave her to the witch and exchanged it to be a knife to killed the prince and made her be a mermaid again. Little Mermaid's Grandmother and her sisters are loved and care about her and willing to give everything to help her. Participant 5 found two value about how to care Little Mermaid's sisters toward Little Mermaid and wanted to help her and Little Mermaid that do not hurt the prince for saving herself. Participant 7 said that they only need the honesty of Little Mermaid, so participant 7 answered was not related to the question. The Participant made this value. The last P8 how dear prince for Little Mermaid, she gave everything for him, sacrifice everything. The most value that showed was about cared for each other and help others.

# 4.3.4. Caring for other living things and environment

Only one participant that the answer related to the question; the other one was not related to the problem, and the other could not find this value in the story. It showed as follow,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	no
P2	The example of protecting the environment is when Little Mermaid does not become a foam in the sea.
P3	No, I thought I had not found it.
P4	-
P5	No
P6	Yes, as she was persistently taking care of her garden under the sea
P7	No
P8	No

The P6 said there was a scene that Little Mermaid was taking care of her Garden. All the entire princess in Little Mermaid was Kingdom are have the plot to plant everything that she wanted, and they are really like taking care of the flower. So, they are taking care of other living things and the environment.

### 4.3.5. Courage

There were five answers about the courage that could find the story. The table below,

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	Goes to the witch to turn her tail into a leg and gives her tongue to the witch
P2	No
Р3	Being brave to take the risk. She sacrificed herself to be with the Prince despite that'd not to be real
P4	She dares to sacrifice her mermaid's life for the sake of the prince
P5	Her courage to meet witch for meeting the prince
P6	No
P7	No
P8	She was willing to trade her voice over legs to be able to walk above water to meet the prince in the castle because she wanted to prove her love to him

The first was from P1; she said that Little Mermaid so brave to go to the witch house and make the witch turn Little Mermaid tail to be leg and Little Mermaid gave her tongue to the witch for the payment. Then, P2 said Little Mermaid being brave to take the risk, that she becomes dumb for with the prince that did not belong to her. Participant 4 said Little Mermaid sacrifices her beautiful life to be a mermaid for the prince. The last from P8 said that the braveness from this story was when Little Mermaid trades her voice or her tongue

to be a beautiful leg to meet the Prince. All, the courage that found in this story by the Participants are about the deal of Little Mermaid who so brave came to the witch place and gave her tongue to the witch for the legs.

### 4.3.6. Faith

There were only 3 participants could find the value about faith in the story. It showed below.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	No
P2	There is trust in The Witch or some magic that can change their life
P3	Nothing
P4	Her beloved that mermaid and human can be together
P5	No
P6	No
P7	No
P8	When Little Mermaid thought she would find the prince and had a happy life after meeting him above water.

P2 said there was a trust in the witch that used any magic to change someone life. Because Little Mermaid went to the Witch to change her life. She believed in the Witch. Little Mermaid's Grandmother and her sisters also came to the witch for exchanged their hair with the knife for helping Little Mermaid. Then, P4 said Little Mermaid believed of that mermaid and human can be together. Participant 8 said Little Mermaid thought that she would be the prince and had a happy life. The most faith that was found from the participant was about Little Mermaid faith if she could be with the Prince.

# 4.4. The question about the application and the use of Moral Value in their life.

This part, the writer asked about the moral value that the get can it be applied in their life, and is that useful for them or not.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	Very useful. Don't be fooled by love
P2	Yes, I will apply the Moral Value of Little Mermaid in case of sacrifice to gain someone who she loves. And this story helpful for us to avoid the selfishness of yourself and we still have to take an effort for someone who we love.
Р3	Care and Respect. But these two things belong to love me
P4	Thankful for what is in life because life is a gift. No need to impose our desire, let alone sacrifice everything
P5	Yes, Respect yourself and give thanks for What God has given.
P6	Yes, especially to children readers, it is very important to teach kindness just like Little Mermaid did, to be applied in real life.
P7	You can look so strong in front of other people, but in your heart ou are still a soft bubble
P8	Yes, it is. Most of the plot tells about how we shouldn't give up about things that matter for us. No matter how hard it can be, even when we fall, we will learn the precious lesson.

All the participants said that the moral value that they're found it is useful for their life, such as respect, care, avoid selfishness, to be stronger, do not give up, do not be stupid, and self-respect. Then, the P6 said that this story has the moral value that can be used by the children such as kindness, like as Little Mermaid.

## 4.5. The question about which character will take by the Participants

The writer wanted to make them choose which character they wanted to be and explain the reason.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	No one
P2	Little Mermaid because of her belief to fight for the prince
Р3	The prince, as we know that the prince kind fellow people. Just because the mermaid did not tell her true feelings, so most people blame him. but, here I'll pick him as the character that I'd be
P4	Little Mermaid's Grandmother, because she was kind, she sacrifices her hair for her granddaughter Little Mermaid
P5	Little Mermaid's sisters, because they took decisions for the sacrifice of their hair for Little Mermaid. They are not careless like Little Mermaid.
P6	I'll probably be the older sisters, because not like Little Mermaid. she chose to embrace herself like a mermaid and her beauty on being one, even after looking at the beauty of human and their world above the sea
P7	The witch, I think this wizard's character is more realistic. Appreciate something that is considered crucial.
P8	I'd become Little Mermaid because she was so brave

Their many characters that the participant would take, but Participant 1 said that she wouldn't be any characters from the story. The reason was she does not felt well about the characters. Then, P2 chooses Little Mermaid because of her struggle to get the love of the prince. The third was the P3, she chooses the prince because he was very friendly, but many people mad at him because Little Mermaid fault, she did not tell the truth about her feeling. Next was P4, P4 wanted to be Little Mermaid's Grandmother because P4 felt impressed with her

sacrifice toward Little Mermaid. P5 choose to be Little Mermaid's sisters because they were making a right decision for helping Little Mermaid, and it was for the family and Little Mermaid, not like Little Mermaid who choose decision for her own sake. P6 also want to be Little Mermaid's sisters, because they are accepted what they have, still with her beauty to be a mermaid. Although they already knew about the world above the water. P7 said she wanted to be the Witch because the witch was more realistic than the others about give want they wanted and their payment. Last, P8 said the braveness of Little Mermaid, made she wants to be her. There were many reaction and reason why are they choose that character, the most character that has been selected was Little Mermaid and Her sisters, but with different reason. They also applied the value which they get to be the reason why they want the characters.

# 4.6. The question about the participant opinion of how to solve the problem in the story

In here, the writer asked them to choose one scene which according to them is wrong, or they did not disagree with their solving problem, and also the writes asked about what they do to solve the problem.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	Ariel sacrifices herself. Because I think you
	should be urself and show who you are
P2	The part when the prince chose the princess
	than Little Mermaid.
	why did the princess not confess that she was
	the one who helped the prince at that time
Р3	The scene when Little Mermaid sacrificed
	herself to get her love. I thought that be
	better if she respects herself, I mean life is a
	gift. hence, respect it as well

P4	The part when Little Mermaid's sister wanted
	to make her be a mermaid again, but she had
	to kill the prince. that was false it should be
	another way that more wise
	When Little Mermaid goes to the witch
P5	place without thinking about their family and
1 3	what the prince felt about her. she should be
	thinking before making decision
	When she went to meet the "witch" or
P6	something and without any further thinking
	accepting the condition from the witch
	resulting in her lost of beautiful voice and
	fin. I think the better solution is trying by her
	best to make the prince falls in love with her
	by looking at her kindness even though she
	was not a human being
	Litlle's sister seemed to be selfish. Instead of
	questioning the feeling of a little mermaid to
	the prince, they chose to help by giving a
D7	knife and telling a little mermaid to kill
P7	someone she loved. And Little Mermaid
	chose to keep her love alive.
	Little Mermaid should have forgotten his
	feelings for the prince.
	When little mermaid chose to go to with the
	daughter of air rather than go back to her
DO	family because she failed in getting the
P8	prince's kive for her. she should have taken
	the knife and stabbed the prince because the
	prince was stupid
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The P1 picked when Little Mermaid sacrifices herself, P1 thought that was wrong, and Little Mermaid should be herself and show it the prince who she is. Then, from P2 said that she choose when the prince chooses the other princess that she was in other Kingdom than Little Mermaid. The P2 said that why don't the princess said that she was not that people who saved him. P3, choose a scene when Little Mermaid sacrifices herself, same with P1. She should more respect herself. Then, P4 said she choose when Little Mermaid' sister came to helped Little Mermaid and asked her to kill the prince with a knife. They should choose

the other decision that more wise, than have to kill the prince. P5 picked when Little Mermaid went to the witch place without any hesitation. She should be thinking first before making the decision. Next, P6 choose the scene that same with P5 she chose when Little Mermaid went to the witch place. The solution was Little Mermaid should make the prince falling in love with everything that she has. Her kindness, her heart. P7 said that she choose when Little Mermaid's sisters gave a knife to Little Mermaid, without thinking about Little Mermaid's feeling and asked her to kill the Prince and in the end, Little Mermaid chooses saved someone that she loves. Little Mermermaid should forget about her feelings toward the prince for the first time. Last, from P8. P8 choose seen when Little Mermaids decided to throw herself in the water and go with the Daughter of air than go back to her family. She should kill the Prince for the first time because of the prince stupid.

Many participants that choose when Little Mermaid's sister tried to help her with asked her to killed Little Mermaid. They thought that was the wrong decision because Little Mermaid killed someone. The scene about Little Mermaid went to the Witch place also one of the most scenes that the participants take; they wanted Little Mermaid thinking before makes a decision or tried with another way. We could see that the Participants also took value from this question. Such as, do not hurt each other, self-respect and thinking before do it,

# 4.7. The question about the story and the participant's life.

The writer asked about the event from the story that makes the participants remember about one of memory that happened in last, in their life.

PARTICIPANT	THE ANSWER
P1	Being stupid because of love. I ever have the position of Little Mermaid. Because I think you cannot love someone so really deep. You never know they love you back or not. And unfortunately the prince not. and it hurts so bad for her
P2	Yes, it same. we must fight for someone good to fight for. until anything is done, and we must not hold grudges even though God's plan is different
Р3	When Little Mermaid sacrifice herself to get her love. How dumb I was. sacrificed myself to love that never I got
P4	too imposing the will but ended up not good, just like a little mermaid who was too pushy to want to marry a human and in the end, it didn't happen.
P5	Nothing
P6	I think I can relate with little mermaid's problem on being not confident enough to appear in front of the person she loves because of her appearance. in my case because I think I'm not pretty and attractive enough. So both of us having a lack of self-loving and we tried to fit in the society and its rules. the best solution is being confident on who you're truly are, and if that person loves you then he'll accept us as who we are
P7	About when the Prince leave Little Mermaid
P8	yes, for doing too much for people but do not get the same thing back

Seven participants said this story has an event that same with their life. P1 said she had the same experienced about love, being stupid for gave everything that she had because of someone that she loved but in the end that someone not loves her back. Then, P2 said that the struggle of Little Mermaid was same with her life when she struggles to be with someone that really good to fight for, but in the end, God has another plan and we cannot mad at it. The third from P3 that has been the sacrifice to someone that she loved, but they could not together. Then, from P4 said that she had to push the will from God, but in the end, she got nothing. It was the same as Little Mermaid who force her will to be human for the prince, but she got nothing. P6 said that she had less confident about appearances that she thought she was not attractive or pretty enough for someone. She learned that we have to love the more herself, and positive thought if he loved you than he would accept who you are. P7 said that she was once abandoned by someone, just like the prince left Little Mermaid with someone. Then, P8 said that she ever did too much for someone but, she never get the same things back for her.

Most of them talked about that they have the same experiences about the struggle that too much but never get the thing back. This story can be related to life. Some of them also understand the value, such as P6 that she has to be more confident.

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### CONCLUSION

In "The Little Mermaid", there is much moral value that showed in that story. Kinds of moral value from Kinnier, et al. and Golden Rule are about commitment to something greater than oneself, self-respect, but with humanity, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility, respect and caring for others, caring other living things and environment, courage, and faith.

From the categorize, the researcher found all the Kinds of Moral Value from Kinnier et al. and the Golden Rule. The most values can be found in the texts were respected and caring for others. It was most illustrated by Little Mermaid itself, the main character of this story.

Meanwhile, the readers only found some moral value, they are, Selfrespect, but with humanity, self-discipline, and acceptance of personal responsibility and Respect and Caring for others from the text Most of them can apply the moral value in their lives, and also this story was to have the same event that they had in their life. The most of participants also focused on the struggle of Little Mermaid to get the Prince love; they were inspired with that.

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