

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of Study

Literature is the particular kind of writing which is conceived with own style and which aims to inspire an imagination and creative thought rather than merely to convey information or express political or personal views (Goodman 7). Through a literary work, an author shows a portrait of experience in human's life that can be understood and utilized by readers who get inspiration after reading it. The authors has different way in writing literary works, he has his own style. Sometimes the author writes based on the life experience that is faced by himself. As like someone real stories or the historical problems that happened in a country.

Literary works conceive many manifestations of ideology and imaginary representation of actual historical existence (Claire 13). In a literary work some authors convey the event and condition that happen based on the period surrounding in composition of their literary work. So, every literary work has its own historical background when it is produced (Gillespie 83). The authors draw upon factual information in presenting scenes, events, and characters. They attached an event that happen in real life to make readers more affectionate and get profound knowledge about the historical event through it. Readers are easy to imagine and feel the story as real as in that time.

Khaled Hosseini is an author who set against the background of Afghanistan's recent story. His first novel entitled *Kite Runner* and the second novel is *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, his second novel story is adapted by details of the two Afghan women whose lives are brought together through a series of tragic events because of the patriarchal system, political issues and Islamic laws which settled by Taliban that was applied in Afghanistan at that time. He attached the political issues and war that was happened in 1960 to 2003 in Afghanistan (<http://wsws.org>).

Afghanistan is a country with Muslim majority. Eighty-four percent of Afghans practice the Sunni, fifteen percent are Shi'a and the rest are Hindus, Jews, etc (Skaine 7). The fact that majority people in Afghanistan are Muslim, it makes some factions have the desire to make rule of the country based on Islamic laws. The law is considered as influential things in women's life. There are many laws which consider as the discrimination form to women figure. Women are not allowed to go to school and work. They are also prohibited to leave the home without being accompanied by male relatives, all of those laws are called Taliban laws ([www.asia.knoji.com](http://www.asia.knoji.com)). Instead of the Taliban laws, the discrimination form to women is patriarchal society which applied there.

In patriarchal society, woman has considered as weak person (Tyson 83). They do not have any power to struggle and solve any problem that appears in her life. These views make women become weaker and sometime also form their thought, character and behavior to be inferior to men.







