CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Literature is an imaginative work conveyed through language and language style that unique, beautiful and contains teachings about life values. The readers of literary work in the form of novel, drama, poetry or short story and so on are aiming to enjoy, to appreciate, or even to evaluate the work. The reader will find out the interesting characters and characterizations contained in such works. The fictional characters are showing various character and behavior that concerned with psychological experiences or conflicts as experienced by humans in real life (Minderop 74)

Human beings are unique (Hude 1).Every human beings has a unique and distinctive characteristics, there are no man that exactly same with the other including their life experiences. We can have the same status, same sex, same religion but we must have different life experiences and different life problems.

Humans are social beings. Social beings are creatures will not be able to live by their self, they always need to other people and what they need in their life is also needed by others mean that they will always need individuals or groups to be able to interact or discuss such as family, friends and the community (Hude 14). Human as a social being is needed to interact and to be socialization with others. They cannot achieve what they want by him because each human is interdependent.

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In doing the interaction, they must have some feelings experience such as feeling of anger, annoyance, hatred, trouble, happy and so on. Because of human have some emotions. Each individual has his own emotion. There are many types of normal human emotion is felt in everyday life. Daniel Goleman, one of the people who was very interested in the study of emotion, he said that there are hundreds of emotions of human beings. Among those hundred kinds of emotions, he classifies them into eight kinds, namely anger, sadness, fear, pleasure, love, surprise, annoyance and embarrassment (Hude viii).

Emotion is an indication of psychology that has some effect on a perception, attitude, and action, and it appears in certain expression (Hude 18). There are two kinds of emotions: that are negative emotions and positive emotions. Which include negative emotions are anger, sadness, fear, annoyance and embarrassment. And the positive emotions are pleasure, and love. Emotion is not a bad thing because, as stated by Aristotle in The Nicomacean Ethics, emotionality is not the problem, but rather to how we express and control all kinds of emotions and mastered with intelligence, even if trained properly it will produce wisdom.

Every experience that involves the emotions, either in negative emotions or positive emotions is basically happens because there is a cause behind them, for example the emotions of hate, it happen because of there is disappointing something or there is one thing or trait in a person who does not like. The hate Emotion is not only happens in real life, but also happens in the novel *Things Fall Apart*. It happens in this kind of literature because it is that imitative of real life.

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Things Fall Apart (1959) was written by Chinua Achebe, he is an African author. He is considered being the most influential African writer in his generation, he believes that artistic and literary work must deal with the problem of society and he also believes that any good story and any good novel should have a message and a purpose (Chua 7). Chinua Achebe was born in Ogidi on November 16th 1930 and brought up in the personage of the Church Missionary society (Ommotoso 7).

Things Fall Apart is the first of Achebe's four novels (Iyasere 28). Achebe's subsequent three novels, more or less related but not sequential, *No Longer at Ease* (1960), *Arrow of God* (1964) and *Man of the People* (1966).

Among of those Achebe's works the writer of this thesis is interested to analyze *Things Fall Apart* because they are interested in the struggle of Okonkwo to change his emotion become a motivation and his persistence to change the fate of life from a people who are not useful to be the number one in the village at that time. Okonkwo is the main character in this novel.

Throughout the novel, Okonkwo presents as a man whose life is ruled by one overriding passion: to become successful, powerful, rich, found a dynasty and become one of the lords of his clan. Okonkwo's unflagging commitment is with the certain reason.

> ……..his whole life was dominated by fear, the fear of failure and of weakness. It was deeper and more intimate that the fear of evil and capricious gods and magic, the, the fear of the forest and of the forces of nature. Malevolent, red in tooth and claw. Okonkwo's fear was greater than these. It was fear of himself, lest he should be found to resemble his father. And so Okonkwo was ruled by one passion to

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> hate everything that his father Unoka had loved. One of thus things was gentleness and another was idleness (Achebe 7).

Emphasis here is placed on Okonkwo's ambition, especially on his inner struggle to control and suppress his fears of failure which arise in reaction to his father's life and shameful death. Furthermore, character of Okonkwo is dominated by hatred, the hatred of everything that his father love, like a slack, drink and pleasure-love.

Based on the above assumptions, the researcher is attracted to make a study on the Chinua Achebe novel that is *Things Fall Apart*. This study tries to analyze the characterization of the main characters, find out the factor that cause the character act so and how their characterization influences their lives.

1.2 Statement of problem

1. How is Okonkwo characterized in the novel?
2. How is Okonkwo's father characterized in the novel?
3. What is the factor cause Okonkwo's hatred?
4. How does this hatred influence Okonkwo's life?

1.3 Objectives of the study

Basically, the objectives of the study are derived from the statement of the problems above. Through this study, the writer gains the following aims:

1. To depict Okonkwo's character in the novel.
2. To depict Okonkwo's father character in the novel.
3. To explore the factors cause Okonkwo's hatred.

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4. To find out how this hatred influence Okonkwo's life.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

In order to prevent non-relevant complications, the study will be limited to the Chinua Achebe's novel. The novel under study is *Things Fall Apart*. In order to avoid deviation and to make this research more direct, the analysis will focus on the characterization of the character, especially on the main character, his character and emotion as the novel progresses.

1.5 Significance of the study

This study will give benefits to the readers who seek to analyze literary works, especially novel. By reading this study, the readers will understand about character and emotions.

The thesis writer hopes the readers are able to learn about struggle and hard work. This is happened to the main character of the novel, Okonkwo. His character traits enable him to reach his ambitions and stay on top position in his clan. We can apply the struggle of Okonkwo to reach his ambition in our real life.

1.6 Method of Study

6.1 Data and Data Source

Data is a group of information that will be analyzed in order to answer the questions that has been stated in the problem statement. The data, which are considered relevant to the topic of thesis, are:

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6.1.1 Main Data

The main data of this research is the novel entitled *Things Fall Apart* written by Chinua Achebe, including all intrinsic elements in it which related to the subject matter.

6.1.2 Supporting Data

The supporting data of this research are taken from many historical books such as theoretical literatures, journals, internet, etc. which considered relevant with the subject matter.

6.2 Technique of Collecting Data

The collecting data is started by reading and observing the novel as the main data carefully and repeatedly to get in depth understanding toward the subject matter. The next step after getting the comprehension of the subject matter is to make a note of important points, which related to the problem that will be analyzed in this research. The supporting data are collected by selecting and making note of essential points relevant to the problem of the research. All of the data are gathered in line to classification and relevance toward the problem of the thesis.

6.3 Technique of Data Analysis

This research is library research; the writer mainly uses a qualitative research method. Qualitative research is concerned with structures and patterns. It is different with other definition that qualitative approach involves description and

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analysis rather than, for example, the counting of features, so that the references will take from books, endgame movie, and online resource (Wray's and bloomer's 97). In analyzing the data, the writer identifies and classifies the problem which deals much purpose of the study. Furthermore, the thesis uses literary approach in analyzing the novel. Some theories that apply in this thesis are theory of new criticism, theory of characterization and theory of emotional intelligence. Next to fix the data, the writer reduce it by cross checking with the theories under discuss and then the writer analyzes the data to resolve the problems and to find out a resolution toward Okonkwo's hatred his father in Chinua Achebe *Things Fall Apart.*

1.7 Definition of key term

Emotion: is an indication of psychology that has some effect on a perception, attitude, and action, and it appears in certain expression (Hude 18).

1.8 Thesis Organization

The result of the study is presented in four chapters. Chapter I is the introduction. Chapter II is the literary review. Chapter III is the analysis of the novels. Chapter IV conclusion, what the writer conveys in the study and the outcome of the study in the previous chapter.

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