

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the study

Literature is a collection of ideas that are manifested in writing. Literature comes as a result of the author's idea of creativity. The ideas emerge from the author's point of view of the social environment. Literature is not only conveying what the author want to say, but also to influence the readers. Basically, the literature is very helpful for life because it can provide awareness to the reader about the realness of life, although described in the form of fiction. Literary works can give joy and inner satisfaction. Literature can also be used for works experience, since anyone could reveal the contents of the hearts and minds in writing that has artistic value. Literature can be regarded as a language arts because created by using beautiful language. According to Klarer (2005, p. 1), literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word.

There are many kinds of literature in English. One of the type of literature is novel. The novel is a literary work that is written in narrative writing. It is fiction work that is built through the various elements of intrinsic. Intrinsic

elements of the novel is an element that directly create a story. Then, to produce a good novel required language processing.

Allah said in Holy Qur'an on sura Ar-Rum, verse 22:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَأَلْوَانِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

From the verse above, Allah explains that one of important to be learnt for human beings to learn and understand is language. Language is a tool or media for deliver the author's idea. Language in literature contains artistic. Dancygier and Sweetser (2014, p. 9) argue that language is a multilectal phenomenon; people speak and write differently depending on their social group , audience, setting, and other contextual factors. Every author has a different style in expressing the idea of their writings. Each work which produced will have a writing style that is influenced by author it can be said that characters of the authors greatly affect a work they wrote. In process of writing, some literary words contain a lot of figurative language. According to Murphy and Koskela (2010, p. 67), figurative language is commonly understood to refer to language that is embellished and poetic and uses imagery to achieve a special effect. Figurative meanings are often assumed to arise through the use of figures of speech such as metaphor, metonymy, irony, hyperbole and understatement.

One of literary works which contains figurative language is novel *The Fault in Our Stars* written by John Green. It was published in January 2012 by Dutton Books. *The Fault in Our Stars* is a brilliant story about love, life, and loss.

John Green intriguingly tells the story of a young girl faced with the tragedy of cancer who meets someone who changes her life. This novel explores the universal themes of life and death and employs clever use of literary devices and literature references that only adds to its raw essence. Beside, this novel has received critical acclaim from critics. Critics mostly praised the book for its humor, strong characters, language, themes and new perspective on cancer and romance.

In this study the researcher restrict in terms of the figurative language because after reading the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*, researcher found there are many figurative language used by John Green in this novel. One of the example is, "I wanted to not be a grenade.." on page 172. This is a metaphor because Hazel, the main character in novel, describes her life as a grenade, so when she dies she will blow up like grenade and hurt the people around her. In addition, the researcher also wants to explore the meaning of those figurative language in Green's work.

Novel has a message that wants to be presented for the readers. Novel invites the readers to come to the new world, new life as if the readers' life there. On the other hand, every single word has their own meaning and contains different messages. The readers should be able to understand what is contained within that novel. From that point, the writer is interested in conducting the study of figurative languages used in *The Fault in Our Stars* novel.

Based on the description above, the writer wants to conduct the research with a title “**THE ANALYSIS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGES IN NOVEL *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* BY JOHN GREEN**”

B. Statement of Problems

Based on the background above, the problems are:

1. What are the types of figurative languages which are found in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*?
2. What are the types of figurative languages which are found most in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*?
3. What are the meaning of those figurative languages?

C. Objective of Study

Regarding to the problems above, specifically the study is aimed at:

1. Classifying and describe the types of figurative languages which are found in novel *The Fault in Our Stars*.
2. Classifying and describe the types of figurative languages which are found most in novel *The Fault in Our Stars*.
3. Analyzing the meaning of those figurative languages.

D. Significance of Study

From the result of this research, the writer expects it is can be useful, as:

1. Increasing readers's knowledge in figurative languages.
2. The result of this research will give description to be used as guidelines in teaching literature interesting, creative, and innovative.
3. The completion of this research can be a motivation for researchers to more actively contribute to the scientific works of literature and education.
4. The results of this study are expected the reader to more understand the content of the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* and benefit from it.

E. Research Method

1. Research Design

The design of this research is qualitative research. According Bogdan& Tylor, Qualitative research is a research procedure that produces descriptive data in the form of written or spoken of the people and behaviors that can be observed (Margono, 2007, p. 36). Meanwhile, Kirk & Miller defines that qualitative research is a certain tradition in the social sciences that is fundamentally dependent on the observation of human beings in its own region and associated with these people in their language and in the event (Moleong in Margono, 2007, p. 36). This research describes what the problem is, and then analyze and interpret the data to examine the contents of the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*.

2. Source of Data

The sources of main data are taken from novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. To support the main data, the writer gets other sources such as books and all the writing matters, which related to the study. The writer also takes sources from the internet.

3. Technique of Collecting Data

The use of techniques and appropriate data collection tool allows obtaining objective data (Margono, 2007, p. 158). This study is a research library research. The data collection techniques used in this research is the data collection of literary. Gather the materials library associated with the object under study discussion. Existing data in the literature are collected and processed by:

a. Reading the novel

Firstly, the data collection procedure was reading the content of novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.

b. Identification

The next step was identification. The writer identified figurative language used in the novel.

c. Classification

After the step above, the next step was identification. The data was identified then classified based on their types.

4. Data Analysis

Data analysis is the process of systematically searching and arranging the data transcripts fieldnotes, and other materials that you accumulate to enable you to come up with findings (Bogdan & Biklen, 2006, p. 159). In this research, the technique of collecting data there are several steps:

- a. Selecting the novel.

The writer choosing the novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.

- b. Collecting data

Collecting the data that is relevant with the study and makes a note-taking. In this step the data were selected only data relating to the issues to be analyzed, in this case about the figurative language in the novel *The Fault in Our Stars*.

- c. Classifying the data into the types of figurative language.

In this step, the data that have been defined are arranged regularly and detail to be easily understood. The data was analyzed in order to obtain a description of the figurative language used, the clarity of the meaning of the figurative language.

- d. Synchronizing between the data and the theories which are used in the research.

- e. Drawing conclusion.

At this stage make conclusions about the results of the data obtained since the beginning of the study. This conclusion still requires verification that the result obtained is perfectly valid.

F. Definition of Key Terms

This study consist of four main terms that are necessary to be described. To avoid the mistakes of the little consideration, the writer wants to clarify the meaning briefly:

1. Figurative language

Figurative Language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation. Figurative language or disclosure style that is in use is to obtain certain effects to create an imaginative impression for penyimak or listeners.

2. John Green

John Green is well-known novelist, critic, web host, historian.

3. Novel

Novel is a literary work that is written in narrative writing. Novel is a prose that is relatively long, containing the composition of a person's life story with the people around him.

4. *“The Fault in Our Stars”*

It is an interesting novel which is written by John Green. This novel was published by Dutton Books Publishing in 2012. It tells us about a sixteen years old cancer patient named Hazel Grace Lancaster, who is forced by her parents to attend a support groups where she subsequently meets and falls in love with Augustus Waters.

