

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Chapter one in this proposal is divided into six sub-chapters. They are as follows: Background of the study is placed in the first sub-chapter. Then it is followed by problem formulation, Limitation of the study, Objective of the study, Significance of the study, as well as outline of the study.

A. Background of the study

Humans were born in this world differently. They have their own characteristic, skill and ability. These differences would create people interpretation. It depends on someone's point of view. Humans also have strength and weakness that they brought since they were born. These weaknesses can be faced either physically or mentally. Both of physically and mentally can bring a big impact in life for the one who suffers and lives with. However, when people realize their weakness, they will try to improve themselves and set their goals to get success. Success is not easy. It takes hard work and confidence to face the internal or external conflict that can happen in life.

Dealing with the internal conflict and external conflict, these two things are always related to the situation or circumstance that happen. For example, the external conflict that can happen because of the influences from family, friends, and another situation or circumstance that happens around.

“Inner conflict means when the main character in the story has a problem with him/herself. Not all conflicts are involving other people. Sometimes people are their own enemies. An internal or inner conflict can be a good test of a character’s value. The inner conflicts of a character and how they are resolved are good clues to the character’s inner strength and outer conflict means a fight, argument, disagreement or simply opposition in which two sides are present. This two sides have essential role in creating of conflict occasion. Both of them can be man vs man, man vs nature. The disagreement of this two side creates conflict.”(Timpanometri, 2012).

Hence, life always related to internal conflict and external conflict, so problem and struggle is needed to reach the success in life. Like what Hellen Keller said “The struggle of life is one of our greatest blessings. It makes us patient, sensitive, and God like. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.”(Make & Kathy, 2012:5).

Hellen Keller as an American author, a political activist, and also a lecturer, is an example of person who has a striving for success in her life. She becomes an example of how people strive in life. Hellen is blind and deaf. She almost gives up doing something and accepting the condition that God gives to her. Hellen’s spirit to get a better life is more powerful. In the age of 19 months she got illness and made her blind. The illness made her

became worst. This condition made Hellen's parents almost gave up until at the age of seven years' old, there was a teacher who wanted to teach and took care of her. Hellen tried to escape from the judgment of people that disability cannot do something. Her survival and spirit proved that Hellen could be an ordinary person like others. Hellen's lackness becomes the reason to be successful in her life. Time becomes an answer of all she needs. Now, she becomes a figure who can motivate people. Her spirit has already spread to others. A person who cannot speak because she is blind and deaf becomes the person who can prove and encourage people to be successful.

A figure like Hellen Keller can be made as a role model, especially for people with similar background to Hellen Keller. They can learn from Hellen Keller's life and do something for their lives. It is also a great lesson for people with physically fine that they should be better in their life because they have more chances to get success and to reach their goal than people with physical challenge. Hence, people who are physically fine also have chances to get success and can be easier to reach their goal in life. However, strive in life can be succeed and can be failed as well. It depends on how strong people are. In addition, people start thinking that person who was born with the weakness, such as physical challenge could do many things in life. In other words, people might think that they have hopes to be fantastic or outstanding like normal people can do.

"Tuesday with Morrie" is an interesting novel about people's striving and motivation. The main character of the novel shows his striving

and motivation to get success. As the object of this study, the novel explained that the main character is a lecturer who has a good student named Mitch. After graduation, they still have good relation each other. Everything was changed when the main character is diagnosed by the doctor that he is going to die in two years. This situation makes the main character startled. Later, he forced himself to step and fight his disease. Eventhough, he would die in two years. He did not want to end his life in vain. He tried to survive and do something big. Family, friends and colleagues became one of the reasons to be strong. Moreover, one of the most powerful thing to strive in his life was to create his dream and goal. He began his struggle before he died. Hence, death is something real. No one can escape from death. In *Tuesday with Morrie* novel the main character suffered Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a very savage, brutal and unforgiving illness that attacked neurological system. There is not any medicine to stop the illness.

The main character's illness was terminal and savage. However, his goal was more savage to defeat the illness. Although he had to deal with an illness that could made him weak and helpless, he also showed that he was a powerful figure. These conditions often occurred when the main character tried to bounce and to reach for what he wanted. The goal was to finish his research and made a novel about his journey. The main character kept his work as a lecturer and taught in every Tuesday with the subject about the meaning of life.

Emily states that “Motivation involves a constellation of beliefs, perceptions, values, interests, and actions that are all closely related”.(E.Lai, 2011:5). Basically, motivation deals with people encouragement to do something in order to get their purposes. According to Emily R. Lei motivation has two categories, they are intrinsic motivation and extrinsic motivation. Intrinsic motivation is animated by personal enjoyment, interest, or pleasure, whereas extrinsic motivation is governed by reinforcement contingencies. So, motivation is very important for people who want to succeed. By motivation, people will realize that success depends on themselves. As what the main character did, his desires were very strong and he reached the goal successfully.

Psychology can be an important part in analyzing the main character in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel. This novel explains that the main character who is trying to struggle with his illness and his desire. Despite, the feeling of inferiority continues to trickle in, but he is trying to strive to be succeed. His feeling of inferiority and his striving to get his final goal can be explained through in psychological approach called Individual Psychology which is introduced by Alfred Adler on his theory.

Adler explains that every people who lived in this world is bringing the weakness, whether it is physical, mental, or even both of them. Due to these weaknesses, people will be influence by their feeling in order to strive for superiority or to strive for success.To achieve both of these ways,people need motivation, passion, and also effort. However, these two ways will

provide people's level of psychological health. The ones with good psychological condition means they go toward striving for success. Meanwhile, the ones who has psychological condition in wrong way, means that they go for striving for superiority. Dynamic force behind people's behavior is the striving for success or superiority. Feist in his book states that each person has their own power to create the goal of successes. Feelings of oppression, pressure, insulted are the parts of human's inferiority. Also physical deficiencies that activate feelings of inferiority can be source of motivation of a person to strive for either superiority or success. (Feist and Feist, 2008: 70-76).

It is like humans. When they try to let their problem get into their life without solving it, they will never reach the goal of their life. Therefore, this study will discuss about inferiority, motivation and striving for success.

B. Scope of the study

Related to the Background of the study, this study focus on analysis the main character in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel by Mitch Albom. This study will discuss about striving for success by exposing the main character of the novel, based on Alfred Adler's Individual Psychology.

C. Problem formulation

In order to analyze the main character's striving for success appears on *Tuesday with Morrie's* novel in detail, this study formulates three problems as follow:

1. How is Morrie's inferiority described in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel?

2. How is Morrie's motivation described in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel?
3. How is Morrie's striving for success depicted in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel?

D. Objective of the study

The results of the primary objective of the study such:

1. To explain Morrie's inferiority in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel.
2. To describe the motivation in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel.
3. To discuss striving for success depicted in *Tuesday with Morrie* novel.

E. Significance of the study

This study will give some benefits to the reader. Especially, for the student of English Literature program in College of Languages and Communication Science, Sultan Agung Islamic University Semarang. This study becomes one of references to the next researchers to find out Adler's Individual Psychology in any kind of literary work, novel in particular or to the next researcher who wants to understand more about correlation between literary work and psychology field by reading the novel and this research.

F. Outline of the study

This study consists of five chapters. Chapter one is the introduction of the study which consists the Background of the Study and Scope of the Study, Limitation of the Study, Problem Formulation, Objectives of the Study,

Significance of the Study and Outlines of the Study. Meanwhile chapter two consists of reviews of related literature which is related to the synopsis of the novel and the discussion of the theory which is used in this study, such as Individual psychology, feeling of inferiority, striving for success, and motivation, as reflected on the analyzed subject. Meanwhile chapter three is research method. It discusses about the methodology and procedures of the analysis. The fourth chapter presents findings and discussion of data analysis that solves the problem formulation. The fifth chapter contains the conclusion and suggestion.