CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, there are some points conveyed including background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objective of the study, significance of the study and outline of the study.

A. Background of the Study

In society, there are many backgrounds of individual that will create a gap or group. Individual as the social creature can't live without interaction. In society, layers of people has been emerge in some categories that differ every of them into some classes. The ranking system sometimes comes unfair because if you come from the lower class it's almost impossible for you to get a good treatment from others. The one of crucial issues that occurs in this world is called stratification or social class. The classes can be based on their wealth, blood and/or their color. "People in this world ranks their self into some categories, the purpose of this is to differ every of them into some classes. The social stratification here happens automatically because of some factors such as wealth, power and blood." (Mulatsiwi 7).

Connected with social class, the society has been shared into three layers. According to Wright on his journal *social class* he says that:

> "Those three layers are follow as upper class, middle class and lower
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> class. Social class is usually seen by the wealth, education, and

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occupation. The wealth view is very clear between poor and rich. The upper class society has great wealth. The middle class society has sufficient wealth. The lower class has poor wealth. The education view is about the education level. The lower of the education level of people its lower the class also. The occupation view can be seen by the job of the society. The lower class society usually works as servant or even beggar. The middle class society, they have a job to fulfill enough their necessary but the upper class society has everything in life. They have good wealth, high education and also power. In society, the upper class society becomes the authorization." (5).

Social stratification itself causes society to make differences based on the backgrounds of individual. It is clearly seen in society and reality. In the journal entitled *Introducing Social Stratification; The Causes and the Consequenses of Inequality. Kasturi* says that: "Social stratification is how different dimensions of inequality economic, politic, individual background and social combine together to form complex structures of inequality of entire categories of people who are arranged hierarchically and have different degrees of access to desired resources (jobs, education) and rewards (good health, general well-being). Stratification is probably the most important subject in the entire discipline of sociology, since every aspect of our lives is profoundly affected by our position in society's system of social stratification." (4).

The quotation above explains that the group in society is shared by the economic condition, politics and systems that apply to the community. It is means that the group of people in society is differed by the wealth, education, and individual background. Furthermore, The social stratification will also influence the differences of rights and obligation too in social status. In other words that rights and obligations can only be beneficial for human life, this reality can be compared the relationship between individuals and status like the relationship between the driver and the engine and the equipment. The car and its equipment are fixed equipment while the driver is the controller that can be replaced by someone else which may be better or worse. In simple way social status above can be interpreted as a position as the position of someone in a group, the position is compared according to value and quantity so that there appears to be a difference between low and high position. then the difference in social status also affects the position of status in social prestige in the rights and obligations of someone.

The novel entitled *The Prince and The Pauper* is one of Mark Twain's works it sets in around 16th century. The novel begins with two differences side of life between upper and lower class in London. It tells about how the social stratification occurs at that time where King Henry VIII take hold of the country.

The Prince and The Pauper novel tells about the two boys who have the similar face but lead very different lives. Those characters are Edward as the Prince and Tom as the pauper. It plays an immensely important role in his novel, because of the main characters are totally get the extremes of the social class condition during at that time.

The Prince and The Pauper novel of Mark Twain's work which retold by Olmstead, The story is talking about the class distinction in England. In the novel depicted that social stratification has been emerged. As it stated.

> "Tom eyes grew wide with excitement. His desire to see the prince up close became even stronger. He was no longer aware of the other people around him. The guards and other palace visitors disappeared. Without even realizing it. Tom pressed his face against the bars of the gate. He was so slender that he almost slipped through. Suddenly he felt a firm hand grab his arm. "step back, beggar!" the guard yelled. "mind your manners". The crowd laughed and pointed at Tom. "That's right!" they called. "keep your distance, beggar!" (11).

It shows the determined treatment of the guard to another person. The guard at the palace do bad treatment to poor people like Tom. Tom did not have permission to closed on the gate because of Tom come from a lower class. So, the complication above that the novel tells and get more attention from Mark Twain as the main character has portrayed one crucial problems. It is about social stratification.

B. Problem Formulation

The problem formulation to analyze *The Prince and The Pauper* novel are:

1. How is social stratification portrayed in the novel *The Prince and The Pauper* by Mark Twain?

2. How does the impact of social stratification towards the main character in the novel *The Prince and The Pauper* by Mark Twain?

C. Limitation of the Study

This study is highlights on the social stratification towards the Mark Twain's novel *The Prince and the Pauper*. It analyzes the main characters of the novel and also find the impact of the social stratification. In term of data, this study would like to be limited by textual sources and to be analyzed based on novel.

D. Objectives of the Study

The purposes of this study are:

1. To describe the social stratification portrayal in the novel *The Prince and The Pauper* by Mark Twain.

2. To explain the impact of the social stratification towards the main character in the novel *The Prince and The Pauper* by Mark Twain.

E. Significance of the Study

The result of this study hopefully can be useful for student of College of Languages and Communication Science of Sultan Agung Islamic University (UNISSULA), especially for students in English literature Study Program, who are interested in analyzing the social stratification. This study can give many advantages and wide knowledge to help more understanding of social stratification.

F. Outline of the Study

Chapter 1 has some points. Those are background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objective of the study, significance of the study and outline of the study.

Chapter 2 tells about the synopsis of *The Prince and The Pauper* novel by Mark Twain and throw the sociological theory by Max Weber that discusses about achieving and comparing the social stratification through the process in that time (King Henry eras).

Chapter 3 has subchapters. Those are types of the research, data organizing, and analyzing data. Data collecting method and types of the data are explained in the data organizing.

Chapter 4 contains of findings and discussion. In this chapter, it will be answer the problem formulation. It gives the quotation in the reference related to the discussion, the evidence from the novel and the explanation of the analysis.

Chapter 5 gives conclusion of this study and suggestion for the readers about the process of writing experience in this study. The conclusion contains of the result and the resume of the discussion in chapter 4.