

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background of the Study**

Literature is an imaginative work well in the sense of fiction or factual. One researcher says that “literature expresses thought and feelings. Literature also deals with life experiences” (Eriyanti 14). It means that most of literary works written based on human life in society. Based on the statement, then many authors write several types of literary works which reveal any phenomenons in society. Unfortunately, the authors only write about common issues in their society. Moreover, they just focus on literary works for adult people. As a result, it makes children literary works almost untouchable in literary studies.

Having concerned on the explanation above, it is important to know that children literary works are very interesting. The children literary works are written based on children’s life and their great imaginations so it will become great work. That is why most children literary work written in a book which completed with pictures because an ilustrated book is the most proper media to make children are interested to read the literary works. In addition, children also can understand the book’s content.

Dealing with the statement above, people need to know that an ilustrated novel is the best literary work for children. By an ilustrated novel, children will get good comprehension about the novel’s content because they can imagine clearly through the available pictures on the novel. As the result, nowadays some

literary critics begin to analyze children literary works using many theories such as psychoanalysis theory by Sigmund Freud.

According to psychoanalysis theory by Freud, children sometimes get anxiety due to many reasons. Particularly, if children enters into adulthood. According to Freud, “anxiety is if you feel threatened, feel overwhelmed, feel as if it were about to collapse under the weight of it all” (Boeree 7). It means that children will get anxiety when they are feeling worries or fear due to several things which can appear threatened feeling. Besides, the anxiety feeling will block people to do anything, for instance when people do something and they find a problem or when children confront a line of new experiences.

When children feel anxious and uncomfortable, they will find a way to overcome their anxiety immediately. Based on psychoanalysis theory, it is called defense mechanism. One researcher says that “defense mechanism are unconsciously used by someone to cope their anxieties...” (Nuraeni 7). It assumes that defense mechanism surely will help when human gets mind disorder and they want to find the best way to go out from the confusion.

The anxiety and defense mechanism can be found in the major character of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* novel. It tells about a seven years old child named Alice who has excessive imagination. She experiences such time travel since she was slept. Here, Alice finds her own world created by her mind, the peculiar world is called Wonderland. Since Alice enters the world, Alice feels anxious because she finds several strange things. As a result, Alice experiences anxiety and she feels worry because of her own imaginary world.

After Alice suffers anxiety, she tries to find a way to overcome her anxiety. Alice is isolated then she is feeling lonely, that is why she want to escape. Finally, she can cope her anxiety using some defense mechanism types then she can achieve her goal to find her real existence in the world and enjoy her childhood as normal as the other children.

In conclusion, there are several reasons about why *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* novel is very interesting to be analyzed. First of all, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* has amazing story because it tells about a kid's adventures in a strange world. Second, a main female character named Alice is a unique character. She is a kid who has excessive imagination which finally it will bring her in danger. As a result, she is suffering anxiety and she try to find escapes so it is wonderful novel. Moreover, by using psychoanalysis theory of Sigmund Freud in this study, then readers can understand better about this theory. It is the other reason why *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland* is a good literary work to be analyzed using psychoanalysis theory.

## **B. Problem Formulation**

Observing the background of the study above, the study formulates the statements of the problems as follows :

1. What are anxieties reflected in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) novel?
2. How does the main character apply defense mechanism to cope the anxiety?

### **C. Limitation of the Study**

This study focuses on how anxiety is reflected in the main character's personality. In other words, the goal of this study is to analyze Alice's anxiety and to find her defense mechanism in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1865)* novel written by Lewis Carroll based on Psychoanalysis theory of Sigmund Freud.

### **D. Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this study are :

1. To identify the anxiety occurred in the main character named Alice
2. To explain how Alice apply her defense mechanism to cope her anxiety

### **E. Significance of the Study**

The study is expected to give the following good benefits :

1. This study will help people to know more about psychoanalysis theory especially anxiety and defense mechanism as depicted in the main character of the novel.
2. This study hopefully can give contribution and help English Department student, particularly who concern in majoring English Literature of Sultan Agung Islamic University to their proposal writing or final project dealing with anxiety and defense mechanism.

### **F. Organization of the study**

This proposal writing is divided five chapters. Chapter one explains about introduction which consist of the background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, significance of the study and organization of the study. Chapter two reviews related of literature which consists

of synopsis of the novel and related literature will use in analyzing this novel. In addition, chapter three contains of research method that consist of types of research, data organizing and analyzing the data. Then, chapter four consist of findings and discussions. Whereas the last fifth chapter divided into two parts, they are conclusion and suggestion.