

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Discrimination is a negative action carried out by members of a group. It is against members of other groups or people to another people. Discrimination is a reflection of an attitude or action that tends to favor a particular group without any justice (Hasanah 6). The form of discrimination is just not a belief, but the application of that belief into action in other people. Treating people differently only becomes discrimination if it is based on prohibited grounds. Discrimination is not wrongful in itself; it is only wrong if it is unfair.

There are a lot types of discrimination. One of them is racial discrimination. As Narayan said that racial discrimination is defined as an act of treatment based on different races. Such as skin colour and ancestry. This action aims to take away the rights of other races as well as fundamental freedoms. It covers the economic, political, cultural, and social fields (68). In addition, Healey said racial discrimination is when someone is treated badly. The treatment arose because of skin color, race and country of origin (qtd. Narayan 21). From this statement it can be concluded that racial discrimination is related to unfair treatment based on race.

Racial discrimination cannot be separated from slavery. Slavery generally means taking rights over others, and this has been a common thing throughout history. This is an imbalance because here someone takes the right to a person as a whole, which means that he is owned by someone else. This is a

very extreme thing to happen to every individual in the world. This kind of action should not be done where there is a very extreme difference such as when a slave commits a mistake then his master will punish him with very bad treatments such as beating or even torturing him, because even though he is a slave we as fellow humans must respect each other in the context of humanity.

One of the groups that exist in the America is the African American group. African American this means African people living in America, most of whom have black skin. Whereas the majority of skin color Americans have is white. And from the history that has happened, these African Americans were forcibly taken from their country to be employed as slaves in their new world.

The issue of racial discrimination due to slavery. It can be seen in the *12 Years a Slave* movie. It adapted from the novel *12 years a Slave* in 1853 as a slave narrative. It based on the true story about a freeman African American. He was kidnapped as a slave for 12 years.

*12 Years a Slave* movie represented Black people of the vast majority of those who endured slavery as the subject of racial discrimination. This movie directed by Steve McQueen in 2013 shows the portrayal of race discrimination.

The film told the story of Solomon Northup. He is an African American. He has a talent in music. People also calls him as a free man. One day she was kidnapped by two men. Then he was sold into slavery. During his time as a slave he changed masters three times. The employer is a cruel person. When she was a slave she was treated harshly and inhumanely. There Solomon had to fight for

justice for 12 years. Thus, the first focus of this research is the portrayal of racial discrimination.

The second focus of this research is analyzing the emotions experienced by the main character based on a psychological approach. Psychology deals with literary works primarily as expressions, thoughts, and personality structures of individual writers. In addition, Psychologists also try to identify the different types of emotion. In addition, Cherry said that there are six types of emotions. They are disgust, fear, sadness, happiness, anger and surprise. Analyzing the main character is important to do in order to know how the racial discrimination affects the main character's emotion. Thus, the purpose of this study is to describe the racial discrimination. It found in the film *12 Years a Slave* film and to analyze types of emotions experienced by the main character in the movie when he was as the subject of racial discrimination.

## **B. Problems Formulation**

Below is the problems of this study formulated:

1. What are the forms of racial discrimination by the main character in the *12 Years A Slave* movie?
2. What types of emotions experienced by the main character from psychoanalytic review as reflected in *12 Years A Slave* movie?

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

The scope of this research is about finding forms of racial discrimination. This was experienced by African-American slaves. He struggles to be free from

slavery in Solomon Northup's *12 Years a Slave* in a psycho-analytic review. In this study, the writer specifies the focus of the study on the racial discrimination in the movie. For the purpose of this study, the writer limits her analysis only on racial discrimination and type of emotions experienced by the main character from psychoanalytic review as reflected in *12 Years A Slave* movie.

#### **D. Objectives of The Study**

With the formulation of the problem, this research aims to:

1. To describe racial discrimination experienced by the main character as reflected in “12 Years A Slave” movie.
2. To analyze types of emotions experienced by the main character from psychoanalytic review as reflected in the *12 Years a Slave* movie.

#### **E. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

This study is expected to provide benefits in analyzing literary works related to psychology in the future. This research was conducted to have a new development of literary theoretical knowledge in Psychology. This research is expected to contribute to further research involving similar research. However with a different purpose. This study also aims to provide useful information. It also to study the social and psychology of real life. Especially in American society.

#### **F. ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY**

In this study there are five chapters. The first chapter will discuss about introduction which consist of six points. They are Background of the Study, Limitation of the Study. Objectives of the Study, Significance of the Study, and Organization of the study. The second chapter is the researcher discusses the Synopsis of *12 Years A Slave Movie* (2013) and Reviews of Related Literature such as; racism, racial discrimination, and type of emotions. Chapter three discusses research methods that are divided into three points, they are Data Organizing, and Analyzing the data. The fourth chapter is Finding and Discussion. Fifth chapter deals with Conclusion and Suggestion.

