

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problem

Literature is a written or printed work which expresses feeling, attitude and life of human in society. According to Wellek and Warren (1982:94), literature represents 'life' and 'life 'is a social reality, even though the natural world and the inner or subjective world of the individual have also been objects of literary imitations. Through literature, an author tries to express his or her idea about what he or she ever experienced in life time or what was happening around them from natural phenomenon to the life of the people in their community.

Sowell said (as cited in Haryanti, 2019, p.422) the term of discrimination is defined that certain people of discrimination as differences in "life chances". Like a black child who does not have the same likelihood as a white child of growing to be a scientist or executive or like a woman who unlikely to be a leader of a company or a country, or a disable child who "specialize" and treated differently from other of the classmates. According to Theodorson & Theodorson (as cited in Zahran 2017), discrimination is unequal treatment of individuals or groups based on something, usually categorical in nature or distinctive attributes such as based on race, ethnicity, religion or social class membership. The term is usually used to describe an action of the dominant majority party in relation to a weak minority so that it can be said that their behaviour is immoral or undemocratic. (Danandjaja, 2003, p.2). Racial discrimination refers to unequal treatment of persons or groups on the basis of their race or ethnicity. In defining racial discrimination, many scholars and legal advocates distinguish between differential treatment and disparate impact, creating a two-part definition: Differential treatment occurs when individuals are treated unequally because of their race. Disparate impact occurs when individuals are treated equally according to a given set of rules and procedures but when the latter are constructed in ways that favor members of one group over another (Reskin 1998, p. 32; National Research Council 2004, pp. 39–40). The researcher defines discrimination as one person, or a group of persons, being treated

differently and less favorably than another on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion, gender, or belief.

In this research, I will use the “Harriet” movie script by Gregory Allen Howard. Which in this movie script describes the life of Minty Ross or Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist who escaped from slavery. This movie tells the story of the struggle of Harriet Tubman a former slave woman and activist who opposes slavery in the United States. Born in the early 1800s in Maryland, United States (US) to enslaved parents. In 1840, the film Harriet tells the story of Minty Ross who recently married an independent man named John Tubman. Minty is still a slave to Gideon Brodess also her family. Minty's father is a free man, tries to claim his wife's right to be free from her status as a slave. Based on to the agreement, his wife and children were supposed to be free when his wife reached 45 years of age, but Gideon and his family broke this agreement. Brodess said that Minty's mother and children would forever be slaves. Minty could not accept this, she also tried to run away to find freedom. As an adult, she managed to escape from slavery by running up to 100 miles away, through forests and fields. However, she decided to return to Maryland by risking her life to help family members and hundreds of other slaves for freedom, through the Underground Railroad or Underground movements aimed at escaping to the Northern Regions of the US and Canada. With full determination, she tried to free the people who were enslaved.

In order to get an extended understanding, this research decided to choose script of the movie as the object of analysis. Script is the written text of a play, film, or broadcast. I took the data from movie script “Harriet” by Gregory Allen Howard. This is an American film directed by Kasi Lemmons and the script by Gregory Allen Howard with a screenplay by Gregory Allen Howard and Kasi Lemmons. It is released on September 10, 2019. This film tells the story of the struggle of Harriet Tubman, a former slave woman and activist who opposed slavery in the United States.

Gregory Allen Howard was born 1962, in Norfolk, Virginia, Amerika is an award-winning screenwriter, producer, and playwright. 20 years after its premiere, his iconic biographical sports film, Remember the Titans, continues to resonate with people of all ages and backgrounds today with its story of race, tolerance, and unity

as relevant as ever. Howard's latest film brings to the silver screen, for the first time, American hero Harriet Tubman's daring escape from slavery and her fearless fight to free countless others from the shackles of servitude.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the problems above, I identify a problem in Harriet movie script is the main character Minty Ross or Harriet Tubman experienced racial discrimination by white people. As an adult, she managed to escape from slavery by running up to 100 miles away, through forests and fields. However, she decided to return to Maryland by risking her life to help family members and hundreds of other slaves for freedom, through the Underground Railroad or an Underground movement aimed at escaping to the Northern Regions of the US and Canada. The assumption from this movie script that there is racial discrimination that can be investigated through literary elements and sociology literature

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

I limit the problem of the Racial Discrimination in the movie script *Harriet* by Gregory Allen Howard Based on the identification of the problem above, with theories and concepts that I will apply in this analysis, as follows: through intrinsic approaches there are characterization, setting, plot and theme. Meanwhile, through extrinsic approaches, I use sociology literature by using the sociology literature concept of racial discrimination.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem, the problem in this novel is "The Struggle of the Main Character Minty Against Racial Discrimination in *Harriet* Movie Script" as follow:

- 1) What are the characterization, plot, and setting that express the main character against the discrimination in the "Harriet" movie script?
- 2) What is the struggle and the impact of racial discrimination on black people depicted in the "Harriet" movie script??
- 3) What are the theme and moral message could we take from the "Harriet" movie script?

1.5 Objective of the Research

The purpose of this research is to show that this movie script has racial discrimination in Gregory Allen Howard "Harriet". To achieve this goal, the following research stages were carried out.

- 1) To analyze the "Harriet" movie script based on an intrinsic approach using characters, plots and settings.
- 2) To analyze the impact of racial discrimination on black people depicted in "Harriet" movie script
- 3) To analyze the moral messages could we take in "Harriet" movie script.

1.6 Method of the Research

In this analysis I use a qualitative method, based on the benefits of the research above, the method of the research used in this paper is a qualitative approach through descriptive writing. According to Bogdan and Biklen (1982) state that qualitative research is descriptive which the data is collected in the form of words or pictures rather than numbers. Data in the form of quotes from documents, field notes, and interviews or excerpts from video tapes, audiotapes, or electronic communications are used to present the findings of the study. Meanwhile, according to Creswell (as cited in Williams, 2007) Qualitative research is a holistic approach that involves discovery. Qualitative research is also described as an unfolding model that occurs in a natural setting that enables the researcher to develop a level of detail from high involvement in the actual experiences. Qualitative research could be described as an effective model that occurs in a natural setting that enables the researcher to develop a level of detail from being highly involved in the actual experiences (Creswell, 2003). Sukmadinata (as cited in Nisa, 2018) has been stated that descriptive research aims to define a situation or phenomenon as it is. Based on the description above, it can be concluded that this type of research uses qualitative research because the data analysis is in the form of written words or writing and considers the opinions of others. Which could be referred to as interviewees.

I will apply the qualitative approach using the content analysis method. According to Leedy and Ormrod (as cited in Williams, 2007) define this method as

“a detailed and systematic examination of the contents of a particular body of materials for the purpose of identifying patterns, themes, or biases”.

The object of my research is “Harriet” Movie script by Gregory Allen Howard is applied as the primary source. The beginning of the process to analyze this research, I will read the manuscript and watching the film of Harriet by Gregory Allan Howard. I analyze this research by observing and reading the whole dialogue. After that, the data were analyzed using by racial discrimination concept by Fred L Pincus with the kinds of discrimination and levels of discrimination. Because of this story also tells about the struggle of the main character against racism, I put the theories about responses against discrimination to analyze the struggle of the character while against the discrimination to get their own freedom.

1.7 Benefit of the Research

Based on the method of the research above, the benefits of this research are:

- 1) As theoretically, I expected it to be useful for those who are interested in deepening their knowledge of related topics. This research can provide a deep understanding of a reflection of life contained in a literary work for readers, especially for students in English Department.
- 2) As practically, this research is expected to provide understanding to readers about racial discrimination and the condition of people who experience violence and also slavery. This research is also expected to be a reference for students in the field of English literature.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

In according to the title of the research above, the order of the presentation is written as follows:

CHAPTER 1

: INTRODUCTION

It consists of: the background of the problems, identification of the problems, the limitation of the problems, the formulation of the problems, the objectives of the research, benefit of the research and systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER 2

: FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

It consists: explanation of the concepts and theory. It includes intrinsic and extrinsic approach. Intrinsic approach are characterization – showing methods, setting, plot, and theme. Through extrinsic approach, I use theoretical framework – sociological approaches are discrimination.

CHAPTER 3 : THE MOVIE SCRIPT *HARRIET* THROUGH INSTRINSIC APPROACHES

It consists of: point of view, characterization of the characters, plot and settings of the novel. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters.

CHAPTER 4 : THE STRUGGLE OF THE MAIN CHARACTER MINTY AGAINTS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN *HARRIET* MOVIE SCRIPT BY GREGORY ALLEN HOWARD

It consists of: a brief explanation of this chapter's content, analysis of movie scripts reflected discrimination by white people, also setting and plot. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters.

CHAPTER 5 : CONCLUSION

It consists of: an evaluation from the previous chapters and the implication of the evaluated result. This analysis is “The Struggle of the Main Character Minty Against Racial Discrimination in *Harriet* Movie Script” by Gregory Allen Howard.