

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background of the Problem

*The Color Purple* is a 1982 epistolary novel by American author Alice Walker which won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award for Fiction. Alice Walker, whose full name is Alice Malsenior Walker, was born. parents of cultivator farmers in Eatonton, Georgia, at 4 February 1944. She was raised to She became a very famous novelist, essayist, and poet. She's famous because he *The Color Purple* was published in 1982, which won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and Fiction. It was soon adapted for the big screen by Steven Spielberg. *The Color Purple* novel is about an African American woman who overcomes the challenges in her life and finds happiness, as well as her own spiritual pathway. It takes place in a rural Georgia town in the 1930's, and the author uses the society at the time as the foundation for Celie's story to unfold.

*The Color Purple* tells the story of violence against women, especially in Celie. Celie was subjected to physical abuse and sexual assault when she was a child by her father. Celie received physical abuse and sexual abuse from her father until she became pregnant. Celie always got violence from her father even her husband did such violence against her. After getting much violence from so many men. Finally Celie could not trust the man that was because of the psychological deviation in Celie's character. In the novel *The Color Purple* the author presents a description of The Psychology Celie's destruction due to the violence she experienced from childhood until she got married. This paper focuses on the effects of violent repression and its consequences, namely Lesbianism.

In this study, I am interested in analyzing the novel because it tells the story of physical violence and sexual harassment of women. Through her characterization, it can clearly describe the problem of violence against women

that resulted in psychology deviations, namely Lesbianism in Celie in the *The Color Purple* novel by Alice Walker.

### **1.2. Identification of Problem**

Based on the background above, I identify several problems of Celie's character in Sexual perversion (lesbianism) through Psychoanalysis. I assume that the theme of this novel is the Sexual perversion (lesbianism) of the story figure. Can be researched through elements of literature and psychological concepts.

### **1.3. Limitation of Problem**

Based on the identification of the problems above, I limit the research to a study in Psychoanalysis by Freud in Celie figures. Theories and concepts used are through a literary approach: Showing method, theme, character, plot, and setting. Through a literary psychology approach, i use the theory of Sexual perversion (lesbianism) by Freud.

### **1.4. Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the limitation of the problem above, I formulate the formulation of the problem as follows:

1. How the intrinsic approach apply to examine the themes in *The Color Purple* novel?
2. How the extrinsic approach apply to examine the themes in *The Color Purple* novel?

### **1.5. Objectives of the Research**

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the purpose of this research is to prove the theme of this research is Analysis the Lesbianism aspect of the story figure in *The Color Purple* novel.

To achieve this goal, I did several research stages as follows:

1. To analyze the theme by using the intrinsic approach in *The Color Purple* novel
2. To analyze the theme by using extrinsic approach in *The Color Purple* novel

### **1.6. Benefit of the Research**

In this research, the constituents hope to provide benefits that can be developed in the form of theoretical and practical benefits. The benefits in detail are:

1. The benefits or theoretical uses of this research are expected to provide input in the theoretical semiotics in uncovering the value contained in *The Color Purple* novel.
2. The results of this study can provide useful information and input for society in general and students in particular about the importance of understanding the effects of violence resulting in psychological destruction.

### **1.7. Systematic Organization of the Research**

Systematic presentation is a sequence of research discussions intended to facilitate understanding of research results. Here are five chapters, namely :

#### **CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION**

It consists of the Background of the Problem, Identification of Problems, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, Objectives of the Research, Benefit of the Research, Systematic Organization of the Research

#### **CHAPTER 2 : THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

It contains several sub-chapters that explain the analysis of characteristics in addition to the analysis of grooves, settings, themes using the Showing method, and planning a psychological approach that uses lesbianism theory and sexual violence theory

### **CHAPTER 3 : RESEARCH METHOD**

It contains several sub-chapters that provide detailed information related to research approaches and methods used by students in the preparation of thesis, namely Time and Location, Research Approach and Method, Research Object and Data, Data Collection Technique, and Data Analysis Technique

### **CHAPTER 4: THE ANALYSIS OF SEXUAL PERVERSION (LESBIANISM) OF CELIE'S CHARACTER IN *THE COLOR PURPLE* NOVEL BY ALICE WALKER**

It consists of Analysis of the behavior (background, plot, and theme) using the showing method. Descriptive analysis of the factors that influence the destruction of psychology in Celie and the acts of sexuality committed by Celie's stepfather, using theories of literary psychology

### **CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION**

It consists of an evaluation of previous chapters and the implications of research results. In the conclusion of I or constituent is open because it is possible that this conclusion can be continued with the next research