

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Motivation is the activation of goal oriented behavior. Motivation is said to be intrinsic or extrinsic. The term is generally used for humans but, theoretically, it can also be used to describe the causes for animal behavior as well. According to various theories, motivation may be rooted in the basic need to minimize physical pain and maximize pleasure, or it may include specific needs such as eating and resting, or a desired object, hobby, goal, state of being, ideal, or it may be attributed to less-apparent reasons such as altruism, selfishness, morality, or avoiding mortality. Conceptually, motivation should not be confused with either volition or optimism. Motivation is related to, but distinct from, emotion. According to the above literature, achievement motivation is a subjective and internal psychological drive, enabling individuals to pursue work they perceive to be valuable and prompting them to reach their goals. Meanwhile, achievement motivation is also a mentality to compete and compare with others.

As quoted in Whorchel and Shebilkske (Murray, 1989:406) suggests that some people are brought by a motive to do things as soon as possible. This can be meant as achievement motivation, in short, people's need that must be fulfilled at one can be said as achievement motivation. There are two forms of motivation

that affect achievement motivation, intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. Extrinsic motivation is motivated behavior that results from external factors, such as promotion, status or any similar types of reward. Intrinsic motivation is motivated behavior that derives from the enjoyment of performing the task rather than from expected reward (Worehel and Shebilkske, 1989: 408).

A psychologist, Morries (1990: 408) defines motive as a specific need, desire, or want such as thirst, or achievement that energizes and directs goal-oriented behavior. It is clear from the definition that humans want to do something or do an action because they are motivated to get their aim or dreams. An effort to make a better life is a kind of achievement motivation.

In this study, the writer analyzes the *Forrest Gump* novel as an object analysis. The writer was interested in analyzing the novel because *Forrest Gump* was the first person narrator of the novel. Limited to Forrest's intelligence as a person who is not smart and somewhat mentally deficient, Forrest's limitations do not stop him from having a life so adventurous. As soon as he left his childhood, he continued to find himself in the right place at the right time. He revealed that he was not only intelligent in some special ways, he operated at the level of genius. When he was able to struggle to learn and explore his abilities in the fields of mathematics, ping pong, chess, music, wrestling, soccer, and even political intelligence. He is the key to solving many of the problems that were previously considered unsolved, a fact that brought him into space, landed at the mercy of the cannibal tribe, met with several Presidents, won the National Medal of Honor in Vietnam, and even produced almost the attainment of US Senator status.

From the explanation above, the writer wants to analyze Forrest Gump Novel by applying Victor. H. Vroom theory of Motivation . That's way the research is entitled "*Motivation of Main Character in Achieved Goal Seen in Forrest Gump Novel by Winston Groom.*"

1.2. Research of Question

Based on the background of the study above, that has been explained in the research the thesis will analysis the novel focus on : What are the main character motivations in acheiving goal reflected in Groom's novel ?

1.3. Research Objective

Based on the research questions above, the novel shows the motivation in main character, the research has purpose to know and explain Forrest Gump motivation in acheiving goal in *Forrest Gump* novel .

1.4. Used of the Study

There are two uses of study, theoritical and practical uses

1.4.1. Theoretical Uses

Theoretical, this research can be used as helpful reference in order to understand the content and To give additional information and contribution to large body of knowledge particularly the studies of the *Forrest Gump* novel.

1.4.2. Practical Uses

Practically, this research will be beneficial To improve the researcher's understand and competence in applying individual motivation of Victor H. Vroom Theory into literature.

1.5. Scope of the Study

In this analysis the writer limited the main discussion of motivation in Gamp's character in achieving goal, potrayel in *Forrest Gump* novel by Winston Groom by using theory from Vicor. H. Vroom such as expectancy, instrumentallity, and valency as seen in the novel. Therefore, the writer will analyze the data from the novel to discribe the motivation about main character in the novel *Forrest Gump*.