

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of The Study

Literature is a work that available to describe and connect the human life by the time. Literature consists of some genres, they are: Novel, short story, poem, movie/drama and calligraphy. Literature is a term used to describe written and sometimes spoken material. Derived from the latin language "*Literatura*" means "writing performed with letters," literature most commonly refers to works of the creative imagination, including poetry, drama, fiction, nonfiction, journalism, and song. (Luxemburg in Teew, 2009:11)

Literature is a mirror of human's life or mirrors expresses life. Moreover, Gillespie states that "psychology and literature are closely related fields of human inquiry". Therefore, this study is going to analyze a literary work with psychological approach. and the writer appreciate the problem and the pour it into a work of movie. (Gillespie,2010:113)

The uniqueness of this analysis also becomes one of the attractions, because it is supported by the characters and the effects of sophisticated technology. It is a literary work, which is a reflection of human life, usually talks about aspect of life that people face in this world. It means that all aspects of life can be found in literature. The reason why the writer chooses this movie to be analyzed is because

the main character has a special attitude toward all of her friends, especially to her new friend her roommate in college. (Arp, T.R., & Johnson, G; 2006)

*The Roommate* Movie was released on February 4, 2011. The movie is still new and has a good story, different from the other movie; the writer does enjoy watching and analyzing it. The story of the roommate is the two women (played by Minka Kelly and Leighton Meester) share a resemblance, one of them has lost a sister to whom she was very close (Kelly's character, Sara, in this instance) and Rebecca, the one who becomes obsessed, is not taking her medication. The *Roommate* was directed by Christian E. Christiansen, he was Born in Kalundborg, Denmark 1972. In 2006, he produced and directed the social realist drama "Raazone", which was nominated award as best film, and nominated for two Robert awards as best children or family film, as well as for Best Director. Then, he wrote and directed the short film "Natten" and as nominated for an Oscar as best short film in 2008.

The function of this research is to provide knowledge about the contents of literary works that connect with psychological theory. Which means the theory explains the concern about schizophrenia. The research is very interesting because in this study, the writer discuss about psychological illness but focus on literary itself. The theory of psychological is a method of medical treatment for people suffering from neurological disorders. this movie shows the phenomenon of schizophrenia that is quite interesting to discuss. The writer is interested to analyze the symptoms and types of schizophrenia inside of the story. The reason

why the writer decides to analyze the symptoms and types of schizophrenia because the writer wants to know about the symptoms can be included as schizophrenia. The writer believe that in analyzing symptoms and types of schizophrenic character the writer gain more understanding on how the symptoms and also types of schizophrenic appear in Rebecca character in *The Roommate* movie.

## **1.2. Research Question**

Based on the background above, the research questions are formulated as follow:

What are the types of schizophrenic symptom that seen in main character in *The Roommate* movie?

## **1.3. Research Objective**

Related the research questions above, the objectives of the research are as follow:

To reveal the types of schizophrenia symptom seen in main character in *The Roommate* movie.

## **1.4. Uses of the study**

### **1.4.1 Theoretical Use**

The writer expect that this research is useful for other researcher and give more knowledge to the readers and students want to do more research that related to the same topic. This study also is expected to provide English Literature student additional understanding of the movie through psychological studies especially about schizophrenia. Moreover, it is hoped to give additional information and

understanding about kind of psychological theory to other researchers who are interest in analyzing the movie from different perfective.

#### **1.4.2 Practical Use**

Practically, this research can assist other researcher who wants to conduct analysis in the same topic and also becomes one of the references for the one who is interested to find out and analyze about schizophrenic character. For common readers, this study is presented as a reflection that in life, there are my occur any events that cause schizophrenia to a person and effect his/her life. Therefore, they are supposed to get closer to god, so that the schizophrenia will not effect them negativity like what happen to Rebecca.

#### **1.5. Scope of the Study**

To make the research more focused, so the writer limits the scope of the research in the psychological problem of the main character in The Roommate movie by using Kraeplin theory of schizophrenia. The writer hopes that this research can help the reader in understanding Kraeplin theory and how to apply it to understand someone attitude. The writer also hopes that it will help the reader to understand the message of the movie. This study is limited on the analysis of Rebecca symptom in The Roommate movie. It centers on the Rebecca behavior to deal with her schizophrenia.