**CHAPTER ONE**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Background of the study**

According to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, (Trauma and Justice Strategic Initiative: 2012) “Trauma refers to experiences that cause intense physical and psychological stress reactions. Trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual’s functioning and physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being”. The quotation means most people have an unforgettable series of event in their life. It can be good as it will always be memorized or it also can be bad as it can be hard to forget until it makes someone trauma about it. These events can be categorized as a post-traumatic stress disorder.

Glenn R Schiraldi in his book The Post Traumatic Stress Disorder says that Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) results from exposure to an overwhelmingly stressful event or series of events, such as war, rape, or abuse. It is a normal response by normal people to an abnormal situation. This psychological issue can be found in literary work. Elie Wiesel’s novel entitles Night is one of the stories that show the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder issue.

The researcher wants to describe post-traumatic stress disorder as seen in the character because the researcher wants to provide knowledge about the description and condition of people who suffer trauma. In this research, the researcher wants to analyze the disorder such as symptoms, the cause, and the character of the effects suffer trauma and can be lead into post-traumatic stress disorder in the form of a novel by Elie Wiesel’s entitle Night.

The novel is one of the media that the author used to tell his or her literary work, which is considered as an expression of life. Various events in life which are faced by characters in the story are psychological aspects. Related to the psychology of literature, Trauma is one of psychological aspect in human. Harvey, in his book, explains the definition of trauma as a specific term referring to extreme psychological and psychological reactions to major losses, such as the death of close other.

One of the novels which are believed to portray the life experience of the writer is Elie Wiesel in his work Night. This novel attracted to reveal the life portrayal of the writer, specifically his traumatic experience. According to Shoah Resource Center, The International School For Holocaust Studies 1956 Wiesel published his most famous work, originally called Un di Velt Hot Geshvigen in Yiddish, the language in which it was written. The memoir was subsequently adapted and translated into 18 languages, and is known in English as "Night".

In his best-known work, Night, Elie Wiesel describes his experiences and emotions at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust, the roundup of his family and neighbors in the Romanian town of Sighet, deportation by cattle car to the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the division of his family forever during the selection process, the mental and physical anguish he and his fellow prisoners experienced as they were stripped of their humanity, and the death march from Auschwitz-Birkenau to the concentration camp at Buchenwald, where his father died just days before American troops liberated the camp.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. In 1980, he became Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Some characteristics people suffer post-traumatic stress disorder, even though not everyone who suffers the disorder will experience the same symptoms. According to Meshell Powell in his article What are Common Characteristic PTSD Patients:

Some of the most common characteristics of those with post-traumatic stress disorder include frequent recollections of the traumatic event, feelings of guilt, and trouble maintaining healthy relationships. Additional characteristics of PTSD patients may include difficulty trusting others, inappropriate or exaggerated reactions, and chronic fear or anxiety. Insomnia, depression, and misplaced anger are also a common characteristic of PTSD patients.

(Meshell Powell:2017)

Traumatic events are menacing and threatening the survival of a traumatic experience that causes distress and post-traumatic stress disorder. The trauma that happens to a victim and will not be forgotten by the person and the victim always remember the traumatic events, the victim can be categorized as post-traumatic stress disorder sufferer.

In this research, the writer wants to describe post-traumatic stress disorder as seen in character from Elie Wiesel novel entitle Night by using psychology approach with the issue is post-traumatic stress disorder. Therefore, the researcher wants to analyze the symptoms, causes, and effects toward a character who suffer trauma.

**1.2 Research question**

1. What are the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel?

2. What are the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel?

3. What are the cause of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel?

**1.3 Research objective**

For those research questions, the writer wants to describe symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel. And to describe the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder suffer by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel. Also to describe the cause of post-traumatic stress disorder suffers by Elie Wiesel in Night novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel.

**1.4 The use of study**

**1.4.1 Theoritical Use**

To give more information and contribution to the future researcher especially literary student about psychological approach who are interested in analyzing the similar topic about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Night by Elie Wiesel’s. Moreover, the authors also provide knowledge about the characters of people who experience trauma. The purpose of this study is not only to researchers in English major but also for readers who would be interested in Wiesel’s struggle in Night novel.

**1.4.2 Practical Use**

Practically, this research will help the reader to know and understand the cause of a person who has experienced trauma or commonly called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Besides that, this study can be guided to further research on English literature students to do some research.

**1.5 Scope of study**

To make the study enables to answer the research questions appropriately, the writer needs to emphasize the limitation of the scope of the study. The writer focused on the description of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as seen in Elie Wiesel character in Night in the form of novel translated to English version by Marion Wiesel which was published on 2006 by Hill and Wang.