

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of Study

Human being is nature experience development since he or she is shaped as an individual in the world. One of development is on his or her personality. Studying about individual's personality development is dealing with a process of how an individual behaves, thinks, reacts and responds towards other people, himself or herself since in the beginning of his or her life until dies. Development on individual's personality does not occur by its self. Many aspect can influence the development of the individual personality.

Besides family's influence, one personality is also shaped and influenced by the environment in which the individual live. The children with whom they associate might influence the social attitude and behavior of children (Hurlock, 1974:234).

The main character in the novel that the researcher takes in this research also undergoes such development. However, this research is focused on the personality development, which is influenced by age level and society. This statement is related with the definition from Erik Erikson which is personality is what makes a person a unique person, and it is recognizable soon after birth. A child's personality has several components; temperament, environment, and character. Temperament is the set of genetically determined traits that determine the child's approach to the world and how the child learns about the world. (Erik Erikson, 1956). According to Graham Osborne (2016), **Personality** refers to individual

differences in characteristic patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving. The study of personality focuses on two broad areas: one is understanding individual differences in particular personality characteristics, such as sociability or irritability. The other is understanding how the various parts of a person come together as a whole. The meaning of the word personality in common people terms, people may find something like that what characterizes a person.

In everyday life we use terms such as character, identity or predisposition. Scientists use more extensive definitions of personality. One of these definitions, by the American psychologists Randy Larsen and David Buss stated that “personality is a stable, organized collection of psychological traits and mechanisms in the human being that influences his or her interactions with and modifications to the psychological, social and physical environment surrounding them.” (Edwin Van Thiel, 2019). From this statement the researcher can conclude that people personality can change and develop based on own desires that are influenced by experience or the environment. Personality can also develop based on habits that are often done repeatedly and there are changes or developments in a person.

According to *John Locke (1632-1704)*, there are three components of personality that can influence people personality development. The first component is genetical. Even though there are no genes that specify personality traits, but some genes do control the development of the nervous system, which in turn controls behavior. A second component of personality comes from adaptive patterns

related to a child's specific environment. Most psychologists agree that these two factors temperament and environment influence the development of a person's personality the most. Temperament, with its dependence on genetic factors, is sometimes referred to as nature, while the environmental factors are called nurture. While there is still controversy as to which factor ranks higher in affecting personality development, all experts agree that high-quality parenting plays a critical role in the development of a child's personality. When parents understand how their child responds to certain situations, they can anticipate issues that might be problematic for their child. They can prepare the child for the situation or in some cases they may avoid a potentially difficult situation altogether. Parents who know how to adapt their parenting approach to the particular temperament of their child can best provide guidance and ensure the successful development of their child's personality. The third component of personality is character the set of emotional, cognitive, and behavioral patterns learned from experience that determines how a person thinks, feels, and behaves. A person's character continues to evolve throughout life, although much depends on inborn traits and early experiences. Character is also dependent on a person's moral development. Personality development is a form of psychology. Both have a relation to each other. In this research, the researcher also gave an explanation of psychology in literary works to complement the research.

According to Miller (2002:1), literature is a feature of any culture at any time and place. This is implied that literature is one of human creation as a written text. It is the reflection of human aspiration, a dramatization of a permanent aspect human

conduct. Then, According to Catriona Barrett (1997) the word psychology is derived from Greek words, *psyche* means soul and *logos* means knowledge. Besides, the word *psyche* means breath and spirit, and then the word *logos* or *logia* means the study of something. Thus, psychology is the science of the mind and behavior. This science can be used to explain fictions character in Literature. In addition, psychology (Kartono, 1951) provides numerous instances from life which clarify the actions and reactions of created character that might otherwise be puzzling or implausible. A literary work is a psychological activity where the author uses his creative power, deep feeling, and inspiration (Endraswara, 2003: 96).

One of the exciting novel that describes about human personality development is Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*. Khaled Hosseini published *The Kite Runner* in 2003. By the end of 2005, it was a bestseller novel in the United States. *The Kite Runner* is already published in many languages. The novel consists of twenty five chapters. In this research the researcher chooses *The Kite Runner* because it is one of novels that give positive effect. It is very great, complicated, perfect novel, an American afghan novel, page by page full of unpredictable moment, and the most important one is *The Kite Runner* was worthy work that makes the reader know how to became good again, how to delete the wrong past and replace by the better one in future.

## **1.2 Research Question**

Based on the background of the study, the researcher identifies the following problem in the personality development of the main character in *The Kite Runner* by using Eric Erikson theory of Psychosocial development that is:

How is Amir's Personality Development in *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini's seen from Erik Erikson's theory?

## **1.3 Research Objective**

The research aims to find out the main character personality development based on human needs as seen in *The Kite Runner* novel. Then the researcher identifies Amir's psychological development seen from his psychosocial development theory.

## **1.4 Uses of the Study**

The researcher will give contribution to the academic world and also for the society. The main purpose of this research is to give knowledge and more information that can be implemented by the society. In this research cope two uses of the study which are theoretical use and practical use.

### **1.4.1 Theoretical Use**

Theoretically, the results of the research are expected to support the psychological theory dealing with Eric Erikson Psychosocial Development theory. Hopefully, the study will be worthy enough to be reference for those researcher who want to

applied similar theory. This research can be used as emphasis to determine an approach to analyze the literary works from the psychological perspective.

#### **1.4.2 Practical Use**

Practically, the researcher hopes that this research will give more understanding about personality development. Through literary works, the readers also can get knowledge about people personality development that can be seen from psychosocial development theory. Then the public or society will learn about this case. In this respect, the researcher reveals the issue through analyzing the main character in *The Kite Runner* novel.

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

In order to limit the discussion, the researcher focuses in giving explanation about personality development that depicted through Amir's as the main character in *The Kite Runner* novels by Khaled Hosseini. The researcher only choose Amir's as the main character in *The Kite Runner* novel because he show the traits of personality development through the dialogues and narrations in the novel.