

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The plot is one of the most important elements in the intrinsic element that is very useful for understanding the whole plot in the story and is also defined as an event that can form a story. A plot is an event that forms a significant pattern of action in the beginning, middle, and end. According to Stanton (1965: 14) plot is a story that contains the sequences of events, but each incident is only connected in cause and effect, an event caused or led to the occurrence of other events. In a story that has a relationship with each other that forms a pattern, sequence, cause and effect, and how readers see a story will see how the story was made to form a pattern that aims to solve the problem.

The first function in the plot is to focus on the important character and the role that someone in the story is made. It can motivate each character made to hear the story and can connect an event regularly or gradually. According to Mertania & Amelia (2020) In many works of literature, especially those coming out of Africa, the Middle East, and the Indian subcontinent, we meet characters who are struggling with their identities in the wake of colonization, or the establishment of colonies in another nation. Without a plot, a story will

not look interesting to the reader because the story is made irregularly and looks boring. According to Nurgiyantoro in Ramlah (2011:11) plot in a story can be divided into three, that is: A progressive plot, is the flow of the order of events told from beginning to end. A regressive plot, is a plot whose storyline starts from the end of the story and then to the beginning of the story. A mixed plot, is a combination of a progressive plot and a regressive plot.

A story should have consistent characters in its making and it has a plot that can be understood by the readers. The plot is very important because, with the plot, the story that made would be seen clearly how about the time and the atmosphere that occurs in the story and it can make the reader understand what is meant by the plot. In this case, the plot is important in literary research because literary work is one's creativity towards an idea, though, and feeling. The elements contained in the plot such as exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution, can be used as important research. A good plot can clearly describe the character disposition events and conflicts faced by the characters so that the story feels alive and fresh as if it happened in real life. Plots are events that are displayed in a story that is not simple in nature because the author arranges those events based on casual links (Kenney, 1996:14). The plot is manifested through the actions, traits, and attitudes of the main characters of the story (Abrams, 1981:137). Therefore, the plot is very important in literary research.

The Hate U Give is a novel the writer already chooses to discuss the plot in the story. The writer chooses this novel because the plot in this novel is interesting to analyze. Some of the stories have interesting plot it can make the reader feel curious about the story made, how is the continuation in the story, the content in the story that will make the reader want to read again. The plot is an important element of the story because there are several aspects of the plot that should be known in the story such as exposition, the problem of the story, conflict, complication in the story, climax, suspense, surprise, resolution, and ending. According to Peck and Coyle (1989:88), the plot is a simple construction account of what happens, or it could be said to be the fully developed version of the story. A novel or short story is a good story when all elements of the plot exist. Elements of the plot will make the story more than interesting because each element has its own purpose to explain what kind of story was made, the characters, the place and time of the incident in the story, the problems in the story itself so the readers also can feel the story. This research is important to literary study, researcher and students, because not many people have done with this structural analysis, and also can help those people who will do research or task related to the structural analysis of the plot in the novel or short story. The writer feels that The Hate U Give novel has a clear and interesting flow structure and gives tension and satisfaction to the reader, especially the writer in this matter. In this case, I would like to analyze

the plot of *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, because the plot is the most important element in fiction. Without a plot, there would be not a story. This research also needs to be discussed, because it is important to us to know more about structural analysis in the plot. In this research, the researcher uses Greimas structuralism analyzing plot because Greimas purposed the actantial model (Greimas 1970). The actantial model is a device that can theoretically be used to analyze any real or thematized action. In the actantian model, an action may be broken down into six components, called actants.

This research helps other students who want to analyze the plot in the novel using structural analysis. Although many other studies analyze plots, not all researchers use structural analysis. It also aimed at why this research is indirectly completed because, with the completion of this research, we can understand how to examine plots using structural analysis properly and correctly. A plot must also have a true and good storyline because in that way a story can be told well if the storyline can be understood by the reader.

Several studies have been conducted regarding structural analysis, and in this case, can help the writer to analyze, those are Irawan, Dani. (2015) wrote formula structural analysis of plot in Rick Riordan's "Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief". Dani Irawan's tell about analysis the plot in his research with similarities analysis that I already analyze. Sabariyanto

(2018). Structural Analysis of F. Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. In his research, Sabariyanto's tell to find out the relatedness between setting and characterization. Diani, Irma. (2017). Structural Analysis of 'Rose for Emily': A Short Story by William Faulkner. In her research, Irma Diana's exploring the plot, setting, characters, and conflict of that story. The formula of her analysis is analyzed structurally on theme, character, plot, conflict, and setting. Fauzan, Umar. (2016). Structural Analysis of "Of Peanut & Sparky": A Short Story by Arnie Lightning as A Way in Understanding Literature. His research tells about explores the plot, setting, characters, conflict, and other elements of the story. This analysis captures the writer's intention of fabricating the story through its premise, theme, character, moral value, setting.

1.2 Research Question

1. How do the elements of plot compose the plot structure of the story?

1.3 Research Objectives

Based on the research question above, the research purposes is:

1. To describe the elements of plot that compose the plot structure on *The Hate U Give* novel.

1.4 Uses of the Study

There are two kinds of uses of the study as described in the text below:

1.4.1. Theoretical Use

The researcher aims to enrich the theoretical based on literary studies, especially related to the plot in *The Hate U Give* novel.

Also, it can be a reference in analyzing the novel for the next series of The Hate U Give novel or other literary work. This analysis also can help people who want to analyze structural analysis in a plot of the novel or short story. All elements of the plot are important to the story, and we should know how to analyze that especially in structural analysis.

1.4.2. Practical Use

This research is expected to give the knowledge and more information to the readers so that this research can be the reference for the readers who are interested to analyze the novel using literary work, especially plot. This research also can be used for those who are interested in The Hate U Give novel. This analysis is also interesting to all readers who want to analyze because not many people analyze structural analysis. And hope, this research can help people who want to analyze structural analysis, especially in the plot.

1.5 Scope of Study

There are many aspects in this novel to describe, but in this research, the researcher only focuses on the plot in The Hate U Give novel by Angie Thomas (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution) how do the element of plot compose the plot structure of the story, and to describe the elements of the plot that compose the plot structure.