

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Everyone was born in different physic and they have different psychological condition. Racism is one of the topics that is interesting to be discussed. Racism is one of the serious problems that occurs in this world that is still going on today. Everyone looks at people and judges them from their skin especially, or by her/his origin. Hatred of some people by their skin color, shape of eyes, customs, and language can be defined as racist. Many people who do not want to accept race that is different from them, it creates classification races in society. Classification of races in society becomes one of the causes of discrimination to the other races happens. They feel that their race is superior to another. According to Jones (1997), racism is the types of stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination.

According to Srivanto (2001: 13-15), racism happens because there are two conflicting perspectives, the first one is ethnological and anthropological about the origins of man in the perspective of human identify and the second is based on patterns physical possession. Racism in the differences in a group (stereotypes) reflects differences in fundamental biological and comparison other society especially to black people. According to Solorzano (2012: 8), in many forms in society for example in institution, racism can happen. Based on Berdichewsky's statement (2012: 27), racism means that discrimination is based on racial prejudice. Based on W.E.B Dubois' statement (1903), in the

20th century in United States of America color or race is important. From this statement, racism problem is still going in the United States of America. American becomes a country that is influenced by race and color.

There are some types of racism, such as institutional racism, aversive racism, internalized racism, biological racism, sexual racism, and symbolic racism. In real-life, there are so many people who are still doing racist to another. In America, white people become superior to African-American. Criminalities are often committed by white people to black people, many people of African Americans died because of white people's treatment. According to Rissman (2015: 6), Black people, sometimes get violence by the police in America, the law institution is not processed the problem seriously.

The topic of racism can be found in literary works such as film, novel, and poetry. In the film, racism can be found in *12 Years a Slave*, *Detroit*, *Green Book*, *a Time to Kill*, *The Help*. Racism can be found in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Heart of Darkness*, *the Secret Life of Bees*, and *The Hate U Give* novel. In *Still I Rise* poetry by Maya Angelou, the author explains about racism. In this chapter, the researcher would like to explain novel with the title *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This novel tells about the condition in America. Black people always get bad treatment by white people in this story written by Angie Thomas. White people judge Khalil, they judge Khalil because he is a black. They judge Khalil that he is as a thug, a drug seller or a gangbanger. Black people do not

accept the statement of white people. They seek justice for this case and protest on the streets. The only person who knows about this case is Starr.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas tells about the real-life of black people's problem in American society and the purpose is to make the reader awareness about race issues. *The Hate U Give* is a novel about the struggle of black people in America to get justice because of racist by white people. Black people are always treated badly by white people. They do that because they feel that they are superior. Black people are always under suspicion by white people.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, this research is formulated as follows:

- a. How does the author describe racism in the novel entitled *The Hate U Give*?
- b. How do the characters fight against racism?
- c. What are the impacts of racism in *The Hate U Give*?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the statement of the problem above, the objectives of this study are:

- a. to describe racism in *The Hate U Give*
- b. to describe how the characters fight against racism
- c. to find out the impacts of racism

1.4 Scope of the Study

This study focuses on racism in *The Hate U Give* that was written by Angie Thomas. The researcher will only focus on racism experienced by black people, the impact of racism and how the characters fight against racism in Angie Thomas' *The Hate U Give*.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The study of racism provides a lesson for all people about what racism is, especially about racism that often occurs in African American society. The researcher hopes this research can be a reference about the impact of racism and make all people aware about racial issues.

1.6 Approach to the Study

Research Approach in Literature

In this paper, the researcher applies racism theory by Henry and Tator. The approach is racism approach.

Research Methods

1. Collecting data

The steps to collect data are:

1. Reading the primary source, *The Hate U Give* novel
2. Identifying the problems
3. Collecting data in the novel as the primary source
4. Reading the secondary sources such as articles and books

2. Analyzing data

After collecting data finished, the researcher analyze the data using racism theory. To analyze data, the researcher uses qualitative research. The steps to analyze data are:

1. Analyzing racism in *The Hate U Give* novel
2. Analyzing how the characters against with racism in the novel
3. Analyzing the impact of racism in *The Hate U Give* novel

3. Interpreting data

After collecting data and analyzing data, the next step is to interpret the data that has been obtained.

1.7 Organization of the Paper

The details of organization of the paper entitled “Racism toward African-Americans Reflected in Angie Thomas’ *The Hate U Give*” are: Chapter I is Introduction that consists of background to the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study, approach to the study and organization of the paper. Chapter II discusses on synopsis of *The Hate U Give* and biography of Angie Thomas. Chapter III is review of related literature. Chapter IV is analysis and discussion. Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.