

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Basic Consideration

Literature comes up from imaginative mind of someone who had talent to create stories. He or she can sense what was happening around him from natural phenomena to the lives of the people in his community. The family, friendship, enemy, criminal and the others might have become the source of stories. Literature is imaginative and creative writing that familiar with artistic value. In the 'online WorldNet dictionary' it is explained that "Literature is creative writing of recognized artistic value."

Literature is also the writing or the study of books, valued as works of art. The writer usually expresses his feelings or ideas about life by writing. According to Rees (1973:9) "Literature is a permanent expression in words of some thoughts or feeling or idea about life and the world." It means that all of author's inspirations originate from his life.

There are many of literary work and one of them that popular is Short story, Short story contains of interesting life story of the writer, which can add the experience and comprehension of the reader. Commonly, Short story contains of love story, sad and happy story, conflict story, family story, comedy story, animal story and many others. It makes the Short story more popular than other literary works.

Short story is a piece of fiction that has a few characters. According to Mifflin (in American heritage dictionary 2000) “Short story is a short piece of prose fiction, having few characters and aiming at unity of effect”. Gelpi (2004:3) stated that “A short story is brief and is concentrated. It aims to present a specific aspect of life or of conduct by using a single plot, few characters, and generally a short period of time and a quick ending”

Short story is a prose narrative shorter than a novel. Usually when we read novels we need several times moreover until many days. Short story can read at a single sitting. Similarly to other literary work, Short story also contains some values like social, culture, moral, and education. The values can be useful for the reader’s life. A best Short story is contained a good messages to reader. There are many Short stories that contained a good message and value. One of them is ‘*The Golden Touch*’ by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) is one of popular American novelist and short story writer. He was born in Salem England. There are many of his Short stories that popular and one of them is “*The Golden Touch*”. This story is good told to the children, because many lessons that can we teach to the children.

This Story tells about a king, namely Midas. He was a foolish and greedy man. He wanted to be richest man in the world. He wishes everything that he touches to be changed to gold. Cause of his greedy he nearly loss his daughter that he loved

so much. This story is so meaningful and interesting. We can get many message and values from this story especially moral value.

Moral is a good and bad attitude and behavior of people. According to Oxford Dictionary (2000: 278) moral is concerned with principles of right and wrong or with the distinction between right and wrong behavior. Based on that explanation, moral means is a basic of human behavior to differentiate between right and wrong points, thoughts or actions and to organize of human acts.

Talk about moral means talk about character also. Moral has a close relationship with character, why? Because moral reflected by character. Character is one of element of prose and moral actually is one of four levels of characterization. These four levels are; physical, social, psychological and moral. These levels help us to see the very basic description of characters. (Tampubolon 2010:2). In this research I will found moral value based on character.

We can analyze the Short story with several points of view. Like moral, social and religious points of view. In this research I attractive to analyze moral value that contains to the Short story. Why? Because in this era, many people even seldom forget their moral values, they lose their moral. For little example; everyday media mass, electronic, online, and etc. show us about criminal, like corruption, murder, slavery. It is verified that moral value has to down in our country.

This situation should become our concern to make generation be better, especially for their values. In story "*The Golden Touch*" we can get many moral values. Example of quote that shows it is:

"Gold is not everything," answer Midas. "And I Have lost all that my heart really cared for" (page: 23)

The quotation above teaches us that Gold or Money is not everything. Even happiness cannot measure of money. King Midas realizes that Gold cannot make him happy.

So, the conclusion is a beautiful literary work not only cause by his good language, but also in a value that contained at the literary work itself. Consequently there are many lessons and values that can we taking from Short story "*The Golden Touch*". The author gives good messages to the reader that can be applied in life. Based on the explanation above, the formulate title of this research is **'A Study of morals values on Short story "*The Golden Touch*" By Nathaniel Hawthorne.**

1.2. Problem Statement

Based upon the background of this study, the formulating of the problems as follows:

"What are the moral values that contained in Short story "*The Golden Touch*" By Nathaniel Hawthorne?"

1.3. Reason For Choosing the Topic

There are some reasons that inspire me to take this research concerning to the topic, they are:

- a. I am interested to analyze this Short story because there are some lessons that we can get, especially about morals value.
- b. This is one of popular Short story by Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- c. This research will be useful to improve our knowledge about morals value and those can be applied in our life.

1.4. Scope Of study

In this research I limited my study an analyzing about morals values on Short story “The Golden Touch” By Nathaniel Hawthorne.

1.5. Objective Of the Study

Objective of this research is to describe how Morals values in Short story “The Golden Touch” By Nathaniel Hawthorne.

1.6. Significance of Study

This research will give significances as follows:

- a. This research will be a useful reading material for the students to study Short story.
- b. Giving information for the reader about morals value in the Short story “The Golden Touch” By Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- c. Make reader easy to know more about morals values.
- d. To give contribution to other researcher to analyze other values on Short Story “The Golden Touch”

