

Chapter I

Introduction

Basic Consideration

Literature is essentially a creation, a creation not merely-eyes an imitation (Luxemburg, 1989, p.5). Literary work as a result, a job and creative virtually is a medium that make use of language to express of human life.

Therefore a literary work, in general is containing about the problems surrounding human life.

Literature has some important roles that influence the readers in sight about their life. In this case, the readers or audiences can get some valuable things that can impulse and make them know more and to be wiser to solve their social problems which are found in their society.

In the literature itself, there are some genres of literary work such as, poetry, drama, and prose. Prose are still limited into three, namely short story, novelette and novel. According to Kelly (as cited in Tobuto, 2013 p.1) “a literary work creates an imaginary world and this world embodies a theory about how the real world works”. From the statement above, it can be concluding that literary very important because the literary work creates an imaginary world.

In this research, the researcher chooses novel as the object of this research. The novel to be analyzed here is *A Walk to Remember*, a novel written by Nicholas Sparks.

Novel as a kind of literary work has intrinsic elements that make directly a literary work to be interested for the reader, these element are character,

characterization, theme, plot, setting, conflict and message. In *A Walk to Remember* novel by Nicholas Sparks there are many conflicts and that can be used as a lesson in order to take its moral value to be used as an example or guidelines in life.

A Walk to Remember novel is published in America in 1991. This novel was based on the true story of Danielle Sparks Lewis, sister of Nicholas Sparks who died of cancer. Just like the story in *A Walk to Remember*, the husband of his sister proposed to her when she was ill. Sister story exactly the female character in the novel *A Walk to Remember*. Cancer has claimed the lives of her sister, but her sister Danielle at the end of his life who has a dream to get married with his loved ones come true.

Nicholas Charles Sparks was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 31, 1965, the second son of Patrick (1942-1996) and Jill Emma Marie (Thoene) Sparks (1942-1989). His siblings are Michael Earl Sparks (b.Dec.1964), and Danielle Sparks (December 1966 – June 2000). As a child, he lived in Minnesota, Los Angeles, and Grand Island, Nebraska, finally setting in Fair Oaks, California, at the age of eight.

Nicholas Sparks began selling pharmaceuticals and moved from Sacramento, California to North Carolina in 1992. In 1994, at the age of 28, he wrote *The Note Book* were sold to Warner Books. It was published in October 1996, and he followed that with *Message in a Bottle* (1998), *A Walk to Remember* (1999), *The Rescue* (2000), and still more novel written by Nicholas Sparks.

The researcher chooses *A Walk to Remember* novel as the object of the research because this novel have a value message and also not a boring story. *A Walk to Remember* novel focuses on teen's story that obedient to her God. This is a good novel because *A Walk to Remember* novel the best-seller list on hardcover, and an additional four months on paperback. Although the novel is number 12 on their list of 1999 Bestsellers Fiction, Publishers Weekly described it as "a forced coming of age story" and "the author's most simple, formulaic, and blatantly melodramatic package to date".

From the novel, we can learn how the characters are built in the novel which can teach us how life suppose to be. Character a one is described to be a good person or a bad one, and finally, it can be a lesson of life to everyone who is reading the novel.

In *A Walk to Remember* novel tells the story of a man named Landon Carter who falls in love with Jamie Sullivan. Landon Carter, is a young man from North Carolina who was rich and unhappy with the existence of regulations. It could be said he included the teenage hoodlums and arbitrarily. He met with Jamie Sullivan, her classmates who did not follow the fashion and always carry a Bible wherever she goes. She is really a very compassionate and religion. One time, Landon should follow a party homecoming and he hasn't found a mate to go there.

The choice fixed on Jamie. In addition, they performed the same role in the play. And after that, day by day, their closeness is getting sticky and Landon fell in love with Jamie's uniqueness. They are happy. But their happiness does

not last long. Jamie started showing signs that he is not healthy. Jamie suffered from leukemia. Landon eventually learned that, although Jamie and her father had to hide that fact from Landon, that guy was not anxious. However, disease Jamie is getting worse, therefore impossible bickering hide it from Landon. Heart Landon destroyed. She still loved Jamie. In the last moment, Landon applies Jamie. And both the did get married.

The researcher chooses the conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel because the conflict in the novel is very interesting to analyze. Where Landon hate to Jamie and then he falls in love to Jamie, and then Landon knows that people loved so much it has a deadly disease. The conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel brings us in learning to life.

The following statement between Landon and Jamie when Landon still trying to fight for her love to Jamie even though Jamie is dying:

“You can’t be in love with me, Landon,” she said through red and swollen eyes.

“We can be friends, we can see each other. . . but you can’t love me.”

“Why not?” I shouted hoarsely, not understanding any of this.

“Because,” she finally said softly, “I’m very sick, Landon.”

The concept was so absolutely foreign that I couldn’t comprehend what she was trying to say.

“So what? You’ll take a few days. . .”

A sad smile crossed her face, and I knew right then what she was trying to tell me. Her eyes never left mine as she finally said the words that numbed my soul.

“I’m dying, Landon.”

A conflict that occurs in this statement that is when Jamie says that Landon can't possibly could fall in love with her because he was in a state of pain, but Landon still impose his willing that he loves Jamie and he told Jamie that Jamie just needs a few days to recover, but Jamie still insists on the heart to tell him that she is dying.

From the statement above it can be conclude conflict between Landon and Jamie, Landon who remain love to Jamie, but Jamie did not want because Jamie think her life would not be long, Landon sad to hear the words spoken Jamie, but the greatness of love Landon he will remain continue to love Jamie.

This analysis focuses only conflict of main character or Landon conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel. There are some conflict to be derived from the character that reflects of romance story. Therefore, the conflict obtained will be life description for the audiences to see the life. In real life, the human always interacts with another human, and often find contradiction between them which accumulate a continuous conflict such as differences in desires, the way of thinking, hopes, difference in manners of life. The researcher took the title of the research is "Conflict in Nicholas Sparks's *A Walk to Remember*" (A Novel written by Nicholas Spark's).

Research Question

Based on the consideration above the researcher formulate the research question into “How are Landon conflicts in Nicholas Spark’s as reflected in *A Walk to Remember* novel?”

The Objective of Research

The researcher aims the analyze Landon conflicts are reflected in *A Walk to Remember* novel. On the analyze conflict, the researcher studying literary work it is important to well-gained information or knowledge about conflict from Landon in the novel *A Walk to Remember*.

The Scope and Delimitation of Study

The scope and delimitation of this research is only to analyze the main character conflicts in *A Walk to Remember* novel through the character behaves from what Landon says. There are three types of conflicts that exist in *A Walk to Remember* novel they are man versus himself, man versus man and man versus society.

The Significance of Research

The significance of this research consist three significance, the first for student, the research can give information to the student how to analyze and understand conflicts in the novel. Second for the researcher, it would become an experience in doing a research of literature. Third, for the teacher of English Department, this study in order to be a good research material and can be used as an example for further research, especially research of literature on conflict.