

## Chapter 1 : Introduction

This chapter has five sub chapters and describes about basic consideration, research question, the objective of study, scope of study, and significance of study.

### Basic Consideration

*The Little Glass Slipper* or well-known *Cinderella* is short story written by Charles Perrault in 1697. The story shows a young girl life who unparalleled goodness and sweetness of temper. She lived with her father's second wife and two daughters of her own who were, indeed, exactly like her in all things. No sooner they began to show themselves in their true colors. They could not bear the good qualities of this pretty girl; even they employed her in the meanest work of the house. Once upon a time the king's son gave the ball and invited all person of fashion to it. Cinderella who heard that invitation wanted to go to the ball, but she has no suitable party dress for that and the step mother did not allow her to come to the ball. All this point, enter the fairy godmother magic, the pumpkin carriage, the royal ball, the stroke of midnight, the glass slipper, and the happy ending story.

From the story it can be seen that this short story is suitable and very entertaining to read for everyone. All of the plots, the characters, and the setting invite the reader to be part of the story. The author makes the story full of fantasy, the details of European culture from kingdom, dress, attitude of the characters, and the mythos. Cinderella story is one of examples of short story that can be found in many countries. In literature, this short story is one kind of folklore

which is disseminated with different title, culture, characters, and myths in each country. It was universal short story. There are many versions of Cinderella in each country, they are *The Cinder Maid (European)*, *The Little Glass Slipper (France)*, *The Broken Pitcher (England)*, *Little Saddlelut (Greece)*, *Bawang Putih Bawang Merah (Indonesian)*, and many more. But, the famous version is Charles Perrault's version with glass slipper, golden chariot with godmother's magic. This version adapted by animated film from Walt Disney Production and becomes the standardized version. Charles Perrault is French author, he was born in 1628. He wrote so many books, but he will be remembered forever for just one: *Stories or Tales from times past, with morals: Tales of Mother Goose*. The book contained only eight fairytales, and they have become classics around the world. We have probably heard some of these stories in our own life; such are *Sleeping Beauty*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Blue Beard*, *the Fairies*, *Cinderella (The Little Glass Slipper)*, *Ricky with the Tuft*, and *Little Tom Thumb*.

There are several things that make many version of Cinderella has disseminated in each country such as; the form of short story could be categorized as folklore. Folklore is oral tradition, which is coming and growing from antiquity people. Almost all countries have submitted folklore passed down from generation to generation. Bethe (as cited in Bascom, 1965) states that folklore arises to entertainment and serves only this purpose. Martha and Stephen (2005) explains that folklore is a body of traditional belief, custom, and expression, handed down largely by word of mouth and circulating chiefly outside of commercial and academic means of communication and instruction. In several

traditions they were stories told orally around the fire or at bedtime, to entertain and teach children with its wise to humanize the human. It means that folklore could be interpreted as a family heritage. Latvala (n.d) briefly state family heritage is formed through narrative history on the personal level, mediated by people's and their contemporaries' recollections.

From the description above, it can be seen that those short story contains advice and the purpose is to give lesson or mandate known as value to the readers. In our life, value divided into many aspects, and one of them is moral. Moral takes about life value such as good and bad, right and wrong, fair and lay, honest and dishonest, respect and no respect, and so on. According to Oxford Dictionary (2000) moral is concerned with principles of right and wrong or with the distinction between right and wrong behavior (p.278). Actually, as human should be good person, therefore every human always expect and concern about right way and right think or agree with rule of life and one form of rule life is related with moral problems. Thus, as human, we need the value to control our attitude to others. Chippendale (2001) states that values, therefore, become part of complex attitude sets that influence our behavior and the behavior of all those with whom we interact. The God creates human being as high creatures among others because human being has the human value that can be defined as characteristics or good matters as well as something useful for humanities. The human value is system that used by society. The essence of human value is humanism and dignity. Thus, someone who has high human value hope the society to have high human value as well. The human beings wish to humanize the others.

This study focuses on the moral values that presented in “*The Little Glass Slipper*” a short story by Charles Perrault. There are many moral values that contained from the story that reflect moral value. Therefore, the moral values will be life value for the reader to see the life.

The phrase below will show one of justices that showed in this story after the two sisters realized that they were maltreating Cinderella then beg pardon to Cinderella. Cinderella was very good then she forgave them, and gave an equal privilege like her own sisters even they just her step sisters who always treat evil to her:

*.... Cinderella, who was no less good than beautiful, gave her two sisters lodging in the palace, and that very same day matched them with two great lords of the court ... (p.5)*

This narration showed us how good Cinderella as human being; she showed how she can hold her selfishness. Her unparalleled goodness and sweetness of temper brought justice to the two sisters. We can see from above narration that Cinderella gives justice to the two sisters. She brought her two sisters with her, gave them lodging in the palace, and matched them with two great lords of the court, even though they ever treated Cinderella unjustly, but, Cinderella, who has thousand civilities always considered them as her own sisters who has an equal privilege with her. We can see Cinderella’s civilities open her mind to behave justice to her sisters as showed above narration. It is a positive value that should be given to other people. As Suseno (as cited in Mustagfirin, 2004) said that the most demanded of a person is treating every person who in contact fairly with her or him. It is including to positive value of justice.

Based on the part of story above, the story of "*The Little Glass Slipper*" can be taken as lesson, wisdom and message became a reflection to fix our behavior and attitude in life because if this story happened in our life we can apply that to be a good person in society.

In this research, the researcher wants to describe moral values in "*The Little Glass Slipper*", the researcher choose this short story become the object of research based on consideration that this short story is one of classic famous short stories which is categorized as folklore. "*The Little Glass Slipper*" as known as "*Cinderella*" becomes universal short story which is disseminated in many countries with different title. This short story is also often used as media of teaching in school to cultivate moral values to the students. So that, the researcher's interest is to analyze more deeply about moral values in "*The Little Glass Slipper*" a short story by Charles Perrault and took the title "**Moral Values in *The Little Glass Slipper* (A short story written by Charles Perrault)**".

### **Research Question**

Based on the previous statements, the research question of this study is what are the moral values contained in Charles Perrault's tale "*The Little Glass Slipper*"?

### **The Objective of Study**

This study is intended to describe moral values contained in Charles Perrault's tale "*The Little Glass Slipper*".

### **Scope of Study**

This study makes a limitation of the discussion to analyze moral values in "*The Little Glass Slipper*" which focuses on the content of short story.

### **Significance of Study**

This study is expected in theoretical and practical significances. Theoretically, this study is expected to contribute knowledge, insights, and development of literary studies. Practically, this study provides information on the moral values on Charles Perrault's tale "*The little glass slipper*". Moreover, this study provides a reference to the subsequent study of the same problem, or the same object of study.