

## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

This chapter provides the reasons that lead the researcher to conduct this study. It also explains the content of the research which are; basic consideration, research question, research objective, significance of study and scope of study.

### **Basic Consideration**

In essence, each person has different needs in life. As described by Maslow (1970) that basic human needs are divided into 5 levels; from lowest to highest, such as: physiological, security, love and belonging (social), esteem and self-actualization. Therefore, the lowest-order need must be fulfilled before the next level. Different needs makes people motivated to fulfill or reach it. Some cases people will do variety of actions; either positive or negative. It is in line with Winkels (1987) that motivation is the driving force in a person to do certain activities in order to achieve certain goals. It means that a person will not stop trying when not getting the goals. Motivation is important part in human life; people never give up when their needs are not getting yet.

There are several examples of cases in the fulfillment of human needs either with positive or negative way such as: Firstly is belonging needs. There are some people who jump into marriage too early for the one they love and sometimes they do not even use common sense. They fulfill the needs of sex to the person who is not loved (Rape). As quoted from Permana (2016) in *detikNews* there is a man in Jogjakarta

who proposed to his girlfriend when there was a solar eclipse happening, it is because he would not want to miss the best moment (positive). In opposite, there is an incident that involves Eno Fariha who was raped by 3 men and then they killed her in a cruel way (negative). Secondly, safety needs. Everyone wants feeling safe anywhere. Alike most artists in Indonesia and international who hire a bodyguard with high prices because they have a lot of money. They will do anything to protect themselves from their fans or haters. Inversely, there are people who lied which resulted in unsolved crimes. It was all because of the human desire to feel safe of the law. The example of fulfilling safety needs positively, quoted from Kodrati (2014) in *VIVA*life that Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are an actress couple of Hollywood who spend their money for paying bodyguards. The expense for this need is 43 million a year. Otherwise, quoted from Fiardini (2016) in *Okezone News* Jessica is an example of a person who succeeded manipulate public to believe that she does not do mistakes. Based on these cases, it can be concluded that different people have different way of fulfilling their needs.

This case also happened in the *Requiem* novel. Written by Lauren Oliver, *Requiem* was the series of delirium novel trilogy which was published on December 2014 by Harper Collins Children's Books. There were 2 main characters in this novel, they were Lena and Hana. *Requiem* was a novel that the main character dealt with fulfilling their needs. The story began when Lena and Hana lived in Portland, United States. At that time, the government announced that the country got *Amor Deliria*

*Nervosa* virus since 64 years ago. The government determined that the virus was a deadly virus which should be eliminated from the system of human life. Extreme life portrayed in this novel is the government published that love is a disease that disrupts the continuity or stability of human life. A lover is allowed to live like an animal. They argued that without love, people do not need to feel longing, pain of a broken heart and cares about the bond among humans. Along the disappearance of the symptoms of love, hate has disappeared also. The world becomes peaceful, crime declined and no war. Unconsciously, they live like robots, without choice. They are living under of fear of punishment if it reveals the symptoms of the virus back. Besides, the governments build an organization called DFA (*Deliria Free America*). It aims to discipline people to adhere to the rules that have been made.

What is more, the main characters of this novel were Lena Halloway and Hana Tate. They were good friends since childhood. Their friendship fell out when they had to run a test to be cured of *Amor Deliria Nervosa* virus. The disease is still flowed in people until 18 years old because the antidote only worked on those who have reached 18 years old. Lena and Hana at that time was 18 years old but Lena fall in love with Invalid (those who refuse to be healed), and then she decided to refused to be healed. Each person who did not take the test based on the scheduled will be picked up forcibly by police. When the arrest happened, Lena escaped into the forest to avoid police who want to arrest her. On the other hand, Hana ran the test and she had been cured because she going to married soon with someone who has been

determined by her parents. Lena who fled to the jungle and then met with Invalid and they started to set up strategies to fight the government. Since then, they had different needs which they must fulfill as a sanction for the actions they had chosen.

Therefore, the main power attraction of this novel was main characters in dealt the same issues but had different point of view in it. They had different needs to be met. Lena chose to be in contrary side, while Hana agreed with the rules. It is because Lena assumed that her choice is the best for her life, even worse. She wanted life normally; loved a man from the deepest of heart, had children and loved each other till died, not only formality but also based on true love. Furthermore, she and Invalid made strategies that the government should delete the rules that love is a disease.

While Hana stuck in the plans of her parents to married soon and did not has power to fight. On the other side, he had a mission to reveal the oddity of the rules in her city. The illustration above showed that they had different motivations seen from the needs that they fulfilled. Moreover, based on example cases above, this study is representing of the real life and often occurs to all people in the world. It makes interesting to analyze how motivation influence when person fulfill the hierarchy of needs.

In spite of the characters above, Freud's theory of motivation in his book *A General Introduction to Psychoanalysis* indicates that those characters include in conscious mental activity named Eros and Thanatos. Eros or life instinct helps the individual to survive; it directs life-sustaining activities such as respiration, eating and sex.

Moreover, using psychoanalytic approach by Freud about motivation helps this study in analyzing this case. Based on the description above, this study conducted a research entitled “Hierarchy of Needs in Requiem Novel by Lauren Oliver (Study Psychoanalysis of Main Character)”

### **Research Question**

Based on the basic consideration, the problem of the study of this research is “How is the hierarchy of needs reflected on the main characters in Requiem novel by Lauren Oliver?”

### **Research Objective**

This research is conducted to investigate, explore and analyze the hierarchy of needs on the main characters in Requiem novel by Lauren Oliver.

### **Significance of Study**

This research gives a significant moral value in fulfilling the needs of human life and knows the deep characters of Lena & Hana and how they fulfill the hierarchy of human needs towards their journey of life. In addition, this project will be great experience for researcher to realize that analyzing novel is a kind of appreciating literary work. The results of this research will be: Firstly, for students of English Department. It can be useful for student who will conduct similar cases. Secondly, the

researcher expect that this research would be useful in literary criticism class and also becomes a guideline and references in analyzing motivation of human needs.

### **Scope of Study**

This study focuses on how the characters fulfill the needs based on Maslow theory. It is necessary to categorize each need of the characters by using hierarchy of needs theory of Abraham H. Maslow such as physiological need, safety, love and belonging (social), esteem and self-actualization. Besides, this study will use psychoanalytic theory of motivation by Sigmund Freud to analyze and linking with the data which have important influence in each character. Freud (as cited in Ewen, 2003) explains that people motivated divided by two instincts; Sexual instinct (Eros) and Destructive instinct (Thanatos).