

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter attempts to highlight the basic consideration of the research about the struggle experienced by Beatrice Prior's character as a Divergent as reflected in "*Divergent*". This chapter also presents the question, the research purpose, and the significance of the research.

Basic Consideration

Novels and fictional characters are inextricably linked; novels are the ideal setting for us to see things we have never seen before, such as living in a war-torn state or in different social conditions. This condition could occur in the real world by playing fictional characters who fit, as in Veronica Roth's novel *Divergent*.

From the novel *Divergent*, the researcher discovered an anomaly within the main character's (Beatrice prior) personality, which makes her unfit into the factions, a social system created in the story due to her nature as a Divergent. Divergent is a result of the grouping and placing system test applied to the characters in the story. The ones identified with this classification cannot live in just one faction as, according to the story, it would ruin the entire living system of factions. (*Divergent*. 2011)

In the novel, the society lives divided into five categories according to their priority of choices in life called factions, are "Abnegation" for selflessness, "Candor" for honesty, "Erudite" for knowledge, "Amity" for peacefulness or compassion, and "Dauntless" for bravery. The system of dividing society into five factions in the novel is called the "Faction System." Society believes that the "Faction System" has purposed to protect people from the world's disarray. (Primananda, 2015)

In the story, every character turned sixteen years old has to participate in an aptitude test and a choosing ceremony. In the aptitude test, there is a hallucination test conducted to identify suitable faction for initiates. Most initiates have to spend approximately more than half an hour as the examiner will run five different tests to determine their compatible faction. However, the testing period is dependent upon the mental and psychological state of the initiates.

In the hallucination test, the candidates will face situations and conditions related to psychology and mentality that require them to make decisions in urgent cases where their choices will reflect the factions that match their test result. However, Beatrice Prior, as the main character, she got 3 faction classified as her result of hallucination test, as explained in the next data. "Yes and no. My conclusion," she explains, "is that you display equal aptitude for Abnegation, Dauntless, and Erudite. (*Divergent* 2011 p.22)

After taking the aptitude test, Beatrice Prior got three factions that suit to the test result, Abnegation, Erudite, and Dauntless. This condition is called "Divergent" and this is a term to label the uncommon result condition in the story, also in this novel when someone who got this result consider as dangerous in the story as the data below said.

Tori kneels next to the chair now and places her arms on the armrest. Our faces are inches apart. "This is different. I don't mean you shouldn't share them now; I mean you should never share them with anyone, *ever*, no matter what happens. Divergence is extremely dangerous. You understand?" (*Divergent* 2011 p.23)

After knowing the result, Beatrice Prior lived while hiding her identity as a divergent, and experiencing hard situations that almost took her life. She needs to keep her identity secretly because if one of the faction leader finds out which is here Erudite, the one take control in

knowledge and technology finds out that she is Divergent, they will kill her because she would be considered as a threat to power.

This situation influenced Beatrice's psyche, so she tried to keep her identity as divergent nevertheless and try to survive along the story, but she could not hide her identity forever. Her struggling to keep her identity, facing, and overcoming the problem in the story will be the main problem of this research. The psychologist's condition of the main character, Beatrice, and overcome her problems would be traced through Freud's theory of psychoanalysis.

Sigmund Freud's theory of psychoanalytic, the theory of personality, argues that human behavior is the result of the interactions among three component parts of the personality which are the id, ego and superego which affect our mind and then are reflected in our behavior. (Boundless Psychology, 2015)

According to Freud (1946), the Id is completely unconscious, and humans are completely unaware of how it operates. The id is irrational; it fantasizes, dreams, and creates things in order to obtain its desire. Its purpose is to satisfy natural pleasure-seeking bodily desires such as hunger, thirst, sex, and other biological urges.

Besides the Id, according to Freud (1946), the Ego operates partially consciously and partially unconsciously. The Ego's operation is governed by the reality principle. It attempts to assist the id in obtaining its desires by distinguishing between what is real and what is fictitious. Ego assists a person in meeting his needs through reality. And the last is the Superego is the final personality structure developed; it represents the right and wrong action of society as handed down by parents, teachers, and other important figures.

Freud believed that the mind is responsible for both conscious and unconscious decisions taken place on the basic of psychic drives. The id, ego and super ego are the three aspects of the

mind Freud believed to comprise a person's personality. Freud argues that people are "simply actors in the drama of (their) own minds, pushed by desire, pulled by coincidence. Underneath the surface, our personalities represent the power struggle going on deep within us". (Boundless Psychology, 2015)

In addition to the personality theory described above, Freud (1946) believes that defense mechanisms play a very strong role in people or characters when they are in a dangerous situation, just as defense mechanisms protect a person from feeling highly disappointed as a result of his actions. Sigmund Freud mentioned several defense mechanisms, including Repression, Denial, Displacement, Projection, Sublimation, Reaction formation, and Intellectualization.

Research Question

In achieving the research purpose, the question of this research is: How does the Beatrice Prior's character face the struggle and the conflict in the Novel *Divergent* based on psychoanalysis theory by Sigmund Freud?

Research Purpose

The purpose of this research is to investigate how the main character Beatrice Prior face the struggle and the conflict within herself and the society in the Novel *Divergent* and how she deals with it using psychoanalysis theory by Sigmund Freud.

Significant of Research

The result of this research is expected to contribute in providing sources and discussions in the field of character and novel analysis to assist other similar studies in the future. The researcher foresee this study to produce guidance and framework that can aid the other researchers, either with the same topic of interest, or different ones yet with similar approach and theoretical analysis. This research provides other critical information that might be essential to the readers in discovering aspects and point of view which relevant to their current research interest, object or samples.