

## **Chapter I**

### **Introduction**

#### **Basic Consideration**

Literature is a strongly influence by human life because it appears from an author who lives as human being. Hjelle (1992:1) stated that literature is represents some of direction taken to understand the complexity of human behavior and human nature. Literary work is reflecting a description of this human life with its various problems, expressing of the author's problems and give more knowledge to understand the value of life.

Literary work is about art because it is contained how the writer can make the reader can feel artistic part in all of writing. The writer make the story what they read become the part of the reader's life, it is because literary is scene of the readers' feeling that formulate their cognition.

There is a relationship between literature and psychology. In most cases, literature referred to as entirely written expression with the restriction that not every written document can be categorizes as literature in the most exact sense of the world (Kraler, 1991:1) as cited by Ratna (2002:62) stated that a literary work known as a result of the author's activity which is always relater with humans psychological symptoms; such as an obsession, contemplation, compensation, sublimation, even as

neuro's activity. The understanding of literary elements can be very helpful in analyzing literary works for example, novel, drama and poetry.

Furthermore, psychology sometimes refers to character because it is about characterization. It is important because it has relation to the characters condition or character behavior. Refers to Plotnik and Kouyoumndjian (2010, p. 4) "psychology is the systematic, scientific study of behavior and mental processes". It means that psychology can be a part in literary works because it is has relationship to the characterization or behavior of a character.

Psychological analysis is a science theory of personality proposed by Sigmund Freud. Psychological analysis is a specific term in a psychological literary research (Endraswara, 2008:196). It means that, psychological analysis is mostly used in every literary research which is in using a psychological approach. Generally, in the process of using the analysis approach in a literary of the research it through a fluent and appropriate parts only, especially the parts which are related with human behavior. Discussion about human attitude and behavior sometime more complex because humans always expressed the different soul condition.

For example "*Death of a Salesman*" is a creation of drama by Arthur miller (1958). Death of a salesman is a tragedy about the differences between a New York family's dreams and the reality of their lives. The play is a scathing critique of the American Dream and of the competitive, materialistic American society of the late

1940s. The storyline features Willy Loman, an average guy who attempts to hide his averageness and failures behind delusions of grandeur as he strives to be a "success."

In *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller, the main character is Willy Loman. In *Death of a Salesman* Willy is a person many dream to live. Willy Loman: The salesman. He is 60 years old and very unstable, tending to imagine events from the past as if they are real. He vacillates between different perceptions of his life. Willy seems childlike and relies on others for support. And become unpredictable or un described and he also never talk to other what is the reason. In another side, he has an expectation to his son to be a successful man, meanwhile his son never do something better, and it make him frustration. It means that the condition of psychology of main character is interested to be investigated and analyze.

This drama teach us about persistence of Willy Loman in strive something. Especially in his business. He showed us about the struggle of worked, but the struggle itself needs patience. Where we have to accept advice from another who nearby with us. Because they are the first people to judge us. Furthermore, to carry out the business needs rationally to thinking. It means that, smart thinking will require a healthy mind.

However, different with character of Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman". Who spent the rest time in his life, to become a businessman and popular. But his logical mind is blind. He finally ended his life with a silly way that is suicide. He

considers by this way, he can get the insurance. And will get the big house and car to his family. But his family very regret about that.

### **Problem Statement**

The problem statement of this research is “how is the psychological condition of character in “Death of a Salesman” drama by Arthur Miller?”

### **The Objective of Research**

The objective of this research is to describe the psychological condition of character in “Death of a Salesman” drama by Arthur Miller

### **The Focus of Research**

This research is focused on a psychological aspect analysis especially, this research is only discuss about Willy Loman as the main character which is reflected in “Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller.

### **The Significance of Research**

After this research done, it is expected that this research has significances as follows:

1. This research is expected to contribute to applied sciences, in the field of literature especially motivate students to read drama.

2. This research have good aims for the reader because this research also give an additional knowledge about how the way of analysis drama.
3. This research also can be used by the next researcher as the reference about the purpose of the psychological analysis itself.

### **The Organization of Skripsi**

This skripsi was organized into five chapters as follow:

Chapter I is introduction, it consisted of Basic Consideration, Problem Statement, The Objective of Research, the focus of research, significance of research and organization of research.

Chapter II is theoretical Bases consisted of four general parts; those are concept of individual Psychology, the Concept of Drama, Element of Drama, Definition of Character, and Relevance of study.

Chapter III is methodology of research which consists of Method of Research, Approach, and Source of data, technique of collecting and analyzing the data.

Chapter IV is Finding and Discussion; it consists of analysis of the component of psychology in “Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestions, it consists of Conclusion and Suggestion.