

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literary works are works of art resulting from one's creativity based on life and imagination. One of literary work is a novel. Novel is a form of literary work that can be analyzed. One of the interesting things to analyze a novel is a sign. Sign is artistic gadget that contains of significance, frequently covered from the start of sight, and is illustrative of a few different angles, ideas or qualities than those that are noticeable in the exacting interpretation alone (Cambridge dictionaries online, 2020). There are many signs, icons and symbols in novels, movies or around us that people do not know that they can be analyzed. Ordinary people do not realize that sometimes what is right next to them is a sign. Usually people analyze signs such as icons and symbols with different meanings depending on the analyzer. The use of a sign in a novel is one way to make readers feel curious about the meaning behind it. Each reader has their own view of a reading or sign itself. However, not everyone understands meaning of sign in a novel. Every reader has different point of view and opinion through the novel. It was not even just in novel, through the daily also have symbols like when we see someone with the all black clothes, it can be a sign of mourning.

In Canada, everyone performs a ceremony as a token of appreciation for those who die on the battlefield. This ceremony is usually held every 11 November at 11. Many lives were killed on the battlefield accompanied by falling poppies. The flower was very bright red and fell mixed with the blood of the fallen soldiers. Then the blooming poppies symbolized the death of the British Heroes during the First World War. Then someone wrote the discrepancy about the poppies that grew so much when so many people died of the war and it was published as one of the most popular war poems. Therefore, poppies are a sign that the dead will not be forgotten. Then poppies were officially used as Flower of Remembrance on July 5, 1921 in English. This quoted by (Montgomery, 2020)

On the other hand, since the virus that attacks humans in the world, every country requires its citizens to stay indoors. This is intended to prevent the spread of a virus that could claim a person's life. One country that requires residents to remain at home is Europe. This has been done since March 2020. Since then, the children have painted a picture of a rainbow. Then the picture is pasted on the window or door of their house. In art and culture, rainbows are also a sign of a better future. Therefore, the rainbow is a symbol of hope. With the hope that tomorrow's events will get better soon. But not only that, the rainbow also has other meanings, it can be life, spirituality, harmony, promises and others. This phenomenon is quoted from (Vince, 2020)

Robingah, 2020 conducted research related to semiotic with the title “Pierce’s Semiotics Analysis on Benny’s Cartoons Related to Covid 19 Issues”. In this journal, he used Benny’s Cartoons as the object of the research. The author wanted to find out what are sign that can he found inside this cartoon related to the corona virus issues. Then he used qualitative method in this research. This research used theory departed from Pierce. The final result from this research, the author got the information about the situation and acknowledge about the matter, the poop, and policies provided by the government regarding deployment corona virus.

Another literature review is a study entitled "*An Analysis of Symbolic Images in The Scarlet Letter*" which was examined by (Gao, 2018). In his writings, he is interested in knowing the symbol techniques used in this novel. He revealed the symbolism and its effects on the scarlet letter story. The symbolic images he can find in the novel are in three aspects, namely, treatment, color, and time. By knowing more the symbols, it can make the reader have a different understanding while seeing the symbols.

Based on two literary reviews above, there are some similarity and differences. The first literature review is about to find out symbol and theme inside the novel *The Old Man and The Sea*. It used some theory to analysis. In the second literature review, it is about to know the symbolic technique that contained in novel *The Scarlett Letter*. It is also to find out the symbolic image in the novel like three aspects; treatment, color, and

time. From two literary research, the researcher wanted to find out symbolism in novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells using semiotic theory by Pierce.

“The following narrative was found among his papers by the undersigned, his nephew and heir” (Wells, 2004 p.7). The quote above is from the introduction inside the novel. It stated that this story is a type of a gothic literature. The story had specific information through the date and geographies conditions, which meant it was fantastic tale.

Almost all novels have signs that the reader can sometimes see and understand. Usually these signs can be in the form of a word, place, object, or even things that often appear and also nature. A sign if you can understand it well, you will get your own understanding of the story because people's understanding of signs is different. One of the interesting novel to analyze sign is novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells, published in 1896. This novel is about doctor Moreau, a biologist who conducted a very cruel and strange experiment on animals. In this novel, the author accentuates the story with the existence of sign that forms a unity of story. This makes the reader want to know type of sign and the meaning behind sign are contained in this novel.

This novel tells when Lady Vain's ship sank beside the Pacific because it collided with another ship. In the ship there was a passenger named Edward Prendick. At the time, he suspected that his uncle had died because of the ship's collision. However,

Prendick escaped the wreck with a small boat, which was rescued by a schooner (Ipecacuanha). At that time there was a passenger, a doctor named Montgomery, who carried an animal load on a small, anonymous island.

When landing on an island with Montgomery, a scientist named doctor Moreau and some strange people. One of them was a man with a black face and feathered ears. Prendick recalls that a man named Moreau who had driven out of England a few years earlier for cruel surgery. When he explored the island, he found strange creatures that looked like humans but also like animals. He assumed that Montgomery and Moreau were looking for humans and turning them into animals. From then on, he thought they would do that to him to make him run away the next day.

Based on the story in novel *The island of Dr. Moreau* the researcher saw the story related to the sign. The sign usually found from the beginning of the story until the end. Therefore, the writer wants to know about the type of sign can found in the story and the meaning behind sign. The researcher is interested in finding out the type of sign that contained in the novel and the researcher wants to know what the meaning behind sign are contained in the novel.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

1. The lack of understanding of people in seeing sign
2. The uncertainty meaning of a sign that is considered true by society

3. The types of sign found in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells
4. The meanings behind the sign in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells

1.3 Limitation of the Problems

1. The types of sign are found in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells
2. The meanings behind the sign in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

1. What are types of sign that found in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells?
2. What are the meanings behind the sign in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells?

1.5 Objective of the Research

1. To know the types of sign are found in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells
2. To know the meanings behind the sign in the novel *The Island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G Wells

1.6 Significant of Problem

This study is significant to conduct because by analyzing that novel, the reader can learn and realize the sign through the literary work.

1. Theoretically

This study related to the enrichment of literary knowledge, especially to know more about semiotics. The writer aims to enrich the theoretically based on literary studies. Especially to some students of English Literature who are interested to know about sign and analyzed novel by H. G. Wells.

2. Practically

Learning semiotics, make us learn about communication. The study is expected to be useful for many literary researchers to know about sign and their meaning behind and also the theory of semiotic in novel. In other way, the researcher hope that the participant who will be encourage to take knowledge and values of the story and also got new education from this proposal.

1.7 Definition of Key Term

Novel: A novel is a long form of fiction and there is a series of life stories that occur with the people around them and novels make different character characters. Usually a novel is made by someone based on the imagination and facts that happen to the story writer or people

around the author. In a novel, there are intrinsic elements, such as plot, characteristics, settings and themes. The intrinsic element can make a story a great whole (Wellek & Warren, 1954).

Sign: Signs are things that are often found around and have their own meaning. The meaning can be different depending on how a person interprets the sign itself. Signs are also a form of media to communicate and convey messages. Signs can be in the form of intentional or accidental. For example, it seems like when you feel hungry your stomach accidentally makes a growling sound, it is a sign that you are hungry and need to eat (Chandler, 2007).

Semiotic: Semiotics is a study that studies sign. Semiotics also learn about the sign process which is called semiosis. Semiotics can be in the form of symbolism, allegory, metaphor, analogy and etc. because semiotics is an indirect form of communication. Semiotics is a form of how you know the meaning behind the sign you get and the process is how you categorize the sign (Chandler, 2007)