

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Literature is the representation of life that links to the reality of people's life. It appears as the writing form of art, such as novels, poems, poetry, and so on. However, literature does not only about literary work itself, but it can express life experiences in society. Research in the field of literature has now evolved. There are many merging of disciplines to study a literary work. One of them is the merging of psychology and literature. This type of research is called as literary psychology research. Psychology can be used to study the psychology of people or characters associated with literary works. Literature and psychology have an indirect and functional relationship. The difference is in the psychology, the phenomenon is real, whereas the in literature is only imaginative (Suwardi & Endraswara, 2008).

One of the psychologists who developed motivation and need theory is Abraham Maslow. He is part of the theorist of humanistic psychology and the person behind the hierarchy of needs theory. Needs is a term used to describe a situation in which a person is experiencing a lack of a particular thing. From the Maslow's theory, human have to fulfill five needs. There are psychological, safety, love and belonging, esteem and self-actualization. Among various literary works, the researcher chose a short story. Like a novel, it is for the reason that a short story is written to tell about life and the characters in the story in a shorter way with a plot that is not prolonged.

The short story chosen by the researcher as the literary work is undeniably

important because it appears to show the psychological aspect of the characters more simply than the novel. Short story does not only show its role as a literary work, but it also carries the psychological aspect as one of the important aspects in life. By understanding psychology, it benefits those who are aware of psychological symptoms. According to (Albertine, 2010) Literature is an interesting study material because it is not merely a study of dull text, but a study material involving character or personality of characters in literary work. Therefore, the short story is taken to be the data source of this research.

One of the popular American short story writers of the 19th century is Nathaniel Hawthorne. Nathaniel Hawthorne is famous for his writing style that raises the theme of morality and dark romantics (Rowshanzamir, 2014). Nathaniel Hawthorne has published 24 short stories, including *Roger Malvin's Burial*, *The Birthmark*, and *Rappaccini's Daughter*. In "The Birthmark," the narrator reflects on his tumultuous inner journey, depicting the battle between reality and imagination. "Roger Malvin's Burial" shows the need for closure and inner peace as important elements of emotional security. On the other hand, "Roger Malvin's Burial" highlights the moral guilt that haunts the major character and his inner journey in overcoming his despair and regret. And same theme of Safety Needs In this tale, Dr. Rappaccini conducts dangerous experiments that involve manipulating the physiology of his daughter, Beatrice, and creating a garden filled with poisonous plants. The safety of both Beatrice and the broader community is threatened by his secretive and unethical actions. The story demonstrates the dangers of prioritizing one's personal goals over the safety of others. This three

short stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne share themes that include inner conflict, isolation, and dark romanticism. For this reason, the researcher chose these three stories as data for the approach and theory that will be discussed in this research.

This three stories can be linked to the need for security in the hierarchy of needs according to Abraham Maslow. All of these stories expose the conflicts and challenges in meeting human security needs, both physical and emotional. According to Maslow, (1954) obstacles occur in basic cognitive fulfillment when there is continuous pressure and threatening events on an individual. This results in the complete satisfaction of human needs.

The researcher also observed the human needs theory from several sources. The first is taken from the novel Pollyanna. Can be applied to the novel for the reason that the main character named Pollyanna is treated badly by Ms. Polly. Because of the bad treatment that Pollyanna experiences, Pollyanna is unable to fulfill the hierarchy of human needs which actually should be fulfilled by a human. Seeing that Pollyanna is not the one that gets her hierarchy of human needs fulfilled.

The second, researcher find at the time of the covid-19 pandemic, many people experienced many phenomena in society, it was clear when we were all focused on the main basic needs. Such as first the need to maintain life physically. and physiologically, and the second is the need for security, namely a feeling of physical security, stability, dependence, protection, and the absence of threatening forces such as illness, fear, anxiety, and need Psychological security threatens mental states.

Not a few people have been affected during the pandemic. Some complain of economic instability, the shock of the mind that results in mild to severe stress.

An overview of basic human needs, may we be able to gain a little understanding of the current situation and its effects on our physical and psychological conditions. Therefore, it is very natural that the main focus of our needs becomes driven on physiological needs and a sense of security. When what used to be at the highest point of need based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs, must now be at the lowest point of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hierarchy of needs is known as the theory of psychology that presents the five levels of human needs that must be fulfilled to live. The needs are started with physiological needs, safety needs, love and belonging needs, self-esteem needs, and self-actualization needs Stoyanov & Stoyan, (2017). Nathaniel Hawthorne's works deeply discuss psychological themes that are very relevant to Abraham Maslow's theory, especially the need for security or "safety needs." In his stories such as "The Birthmark", "Rappaccini's Daughter" and "Roger Malvin's Burial," Hawthorne highlights emotional instability, inner conflict, and feelings of alienation, which are directly related to Maslow's need for security. The importance of understanding and meeting human security needs, which is the foundation for further personal and psychological development according to Abraham Maslow's theory. By exploring this psychological layer, Hawthorne's works invite readers to reflect on and understand the essence of security in human life.

In this research, the researcher was taken two previous studies as reference. First, the researcher took a research entitled "The main character's hierarchy of needs in The Girl on the Train Novel". This research was written by (Khaleda,

2017). This research discussed the hierarchy of need from Abraham Maslow theories. The research was result how the main character fulfill her safety and the love and belonging needs. The researcher analyzed by qualitative research method. The results of this study are based on Abraham Maslow's Theory of Needs, Jay Gatsby as the main character can be considered as a human being who has several needs in life from childhood to adulthood such as psychological needs. Reason, safety need, love and need to belong, need for esteem. But there's one need Jay Gatsby can't meet, which is a need for security, love, and belonging, so the need for reality can't be met.

The second previous study the researcher took a research from Virginia & Satria, (2022). This research was written by fanny Virginia English Literature student of Putera Batam University. It discussed the hierarchy of needs and the Hierarchy of human needs based on "Pollyanna" novel By Eleanor H. Porter. The researcher also used the theory of needs from Abraham Maslow. The researcher used data collection methods, data analysis and reporting the research results in this research. The result of this research are the researcher concluded that the hierarchy of human needs theory proposed by Maslow is influential, especially in the life of the characters of the story. This can be seen from the struggle that the character named Pollyanna experiences when she does not get the proper room to sleep. It is not only experienced by Pollyanna as the main character, but other characters also experience the struggle. In addition, this research revealed that there are two unfulfilled needs, namely safety needs and self-esteem needs.

Both previous and present research have similarities and differences. In terms

of similarities, the previous and present research used the same theory. The data sources are different seeing that this research is “Nathaniel Hawthorne selected shortstories” as the data source. This data source that has been taken is seen from the fact that there is the struggle that the characters experience. Furthermore, the phenomenon presented in context inspired the researcher to come up with a study titled "Hierarchy of Needs in the Selected Short Stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne: A psychological Approach”.

1.2 Identification of the problem

After describing the background above, the researcher can recognize the selected short stories as follows:

1. Physiological needs by the main character in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories
2. The main character satisfying for their physiological needs of the main character in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories
3. The obstacles of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories
4. The effects of incapability of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The researcher focused on researching defines problem limitation as follows:

1. The obstacles of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in

Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories

2. The effects of incapability of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation above the researcher makes two summarize the compiles problem formulas:

1. What are the obstacles of main character to fulfill their safety needs Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories?
2. What are the effects of incapability of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories?

1.5 Objectives of the Research

This qualitative research has a purpose:

1. To find out the obstacles of the main character to fulfill their safety needs in Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories.
2. To figure out the effects incapability of the main character in fulfilling Nathaniel Hawthorne selected short stories.

1.6 Significance of the Research

Based on the research that analyzed, the researcher would give some suggestions include:

1. Theoretical Significance: Theoretically, this research aims to enrich the theoretical bases of literary works. It specifically the literary works that relate to the psychology of characters from Abraham

Maslow's hierarchy of human needs.

2. **Practical Significance:** In practical terms, this study attempts to put into practice one of the literary theories. It is expected to provide an understanding of the ways in which motivations can drive one's behavior in the process of satisfying human needs, and it will also provide the reader with new insights. Understanding of the basic motives of human emotions from the point of view of psychology. In addition, research should serve as an alternative source of reference and knowledge. This study is intended to benefit other scholars who are conducting similar research

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

For avoid different viewpoints among the researcher and the reader. Here's the researcher conclude as follows:

Psychology : The psychological approach refers to a perspective within psychology that focuses on understanding and explaining human behavior, emotions, and cognition through the study of mental processes. This approach encompasses various theories and methodologies to explore the mind, including cognitive, behavioral, psychoanalytic, humanistic, and other schools of thought. It seeks to uncover the underlying psychological mechanisms that influence human actions and thoughts (Schultz, 1981)

Hierarchy of needs : The hierarchy of needs, proposed by psychologist Abraham Maslow, is a five-tiered model that arranges human needs in a pyramid. At the base are physiological needs like food and shelter, followed by safety needs, love and belongingness needs, esteem needs, and self-actualization needs at the top. This hierarchy suggests that people generally strive to satisfy lower-level needs before progressing to higher-level ones, although individual experiences may vary. It provides a framework for understanding the fundamental motivations that drive human behavior and personal growth (Maslow, 1954)

Safety needs : The need for security is the need to ensure a sense of security, comfort and protection. Healthy, normal, fortunate adults in our culture are satisfied with their security needs. A peaceful, smoothly running, and 'good' society generally makes its members feel relatively safe from threats from wild animals, extreme temperatures, criminals, assault & murder, tyranny, etc. Therefore, in a real sense, they no longer have anxiety or fear of not having a sense of security (Stoyanov & Stoyan, 2017)