

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background of the Research

Literature is an expression of the thoughts or feelings or ideas of the author about the problems of life experienced by the author and thrown in the form of a work called a literary work. Literary works can take us into the world of dreams and take us away from reality. The literacy of the work results from the writer's appreciation of the fact that the world cannot be isolated from his or her knowledge and experience and that everything in the author's environment serves as motivation and inspiration. Novels, poetry, and drama are among them. The analysis of literature is important to be applied, considering its rapid development (Budi Lesmana & Afriana, 2019) .

Novel is a part of literature. Novel is a type of prose and as a work of fiction in literary work. Mendrofa & Silitonga (2022) stated that novel is a fictional literary work composed of various words from human life that is read aloud or recorded in one extended reading. The length of a novel's story is more than that of a short story, and a novel is a work of fiction. Novel writing does not have the same constraints as poetry, which must adhere to rhyme and rhythm; rather, it is similar to narrating stories in ordinary language.

There is intrinsic element that we shall discover while reading the story. The intrinsic element is the most crucial factor in constructing a literary work since understanding a novel requires knowledge of its inherent aspects. Plot,

theme, place, character and characterization, and point of view are all intrinsic parts.

Novel also contains social and moral values derived from interpersonal issues and problems. Novels usually deal with human life. Social and moral elements are inherent in every human person and are a vital part of daily life. Moral value is one of the values that might be used in this narrative. Values have several connotations. The word value is not a foreign language in everyday life. The concept of value, which we frequently utilize and sense situationally, is extremely important in human life. Values are employed as standards for determining justice and truth. Values are inherent in humans and serve as the foundation for moral ideals. Value cannot be seen physically because it must be sought in human processes in the face of other human attitudes.

Values already exist and are inherent in something, so we must recognize and seek them, as well as comprehend their role and utility in life. There is a connection between value and goodness, so value can be said to be a positive relationship in human relationships. These are values that are social, moral, and cultural. Morality is the good or bad deeds that arise in human through habit. Common morality is conceived of as human behavior bound by a desire for something good, based on consciousness. Morality is also the study of the good life as it relates to a certain religion or way of life. Morality can also be viewed as a metric for assessing the goodness of a person's negative attitude. A book is one of several literary works that might be morally deficient.

The Fault in Our Stars is a 2010 young adult novel that was released on January 10, 2010. One of the best-selling novels is John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars" is a novel about two young people, Hazel Grace Lancaster and Augustus Waters, who both have cancer and fall in love with each other. The novel tells the story of Hazel's changing view of her life after following the community of cancer sufferers where she also met Augustus.

John Michael Green is a writer and video maker. He was born on August 24, 1977 and is from the United States. Looking for Alaska, his first book, won a Printz Award in 2006, and The Fault in Our Stars, his most recent book, debuted at No. 1 on The New York Times Best Seller list in January 2012. When his cinematic adaptation was released in 2014, it promptly reached its brief #1 high. Time magazine named Green one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2014.

Moral approach or a work of literature is frequently described or judged morally in terms of the ideas and values it includes. This frequently entails assessing the work's beliefs and values--whether articulated directly by the narrator or character or latent in the general form and content--in relation to a specific ethical, philosophical, or religious system.

One study that investigates the moral value of a novel performed by Inayyah & Simanjuntak (2022) with title "Analysis of the Moral Value in The Novel "Imperfect" Written by Meira Anastasia", we can find moral value that

wants to be communicated to the reader is by behavior, socializing by not looking at the physical one even to say bad to others.

The researcher will analyze the moral values presented in John Green's novel "The Fault in Our Stars". A moral philosophical approach to The Fault in Our Stars by John Green is valuable for uncovering the ethical and existential themes within the novel. This method allows for a structured analysis of the characters' moral dilemmas and philosophical reflections, using frameworks like existentialism or virtue ethics. By applying these principles, we gain deeper insights into how the novel explores themes of suffering, love, and meaning, and how these themes reflect broader moral values. This approach ensures a rigorous and nuanced interpretation, highlighting how the story engages with profound ethical questions.

The researcher chose literature because, according to the researcher, this is a unique way to make the reader interested in the story in the novel as well as to understand the messages and impressions that the author wants to convey to readers. In this study, the researcher analyzed moral value in a novel entitled "Moral Values and Life Philosophy in "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green: A Moral Philosophical Approach."

## **1.2. Identification of the Problem**

Based on the background provided in the research, the following issues can be identified:

1. The life philosophy depicted in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."

2. The moral values the author aims to communicate in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."
3. Desperation as presented in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."
4. The influence of the characters' moral values towards their attitudes in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."
5. Characters dominant moral values in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."

### **1.3. Limitation of the Problem**

The study findings are refined to concentrate on the following aspects of the investigation:

1. The various moral values depicted in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."
2. The life philosophy presented in John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars."

### **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

The research problem is derived from the context provided above:

1. What are moral values found in "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green?
2. What are life philosophies found in "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green?

### **1.5 Objective of the Research**

There are several objectives in this research, including:

1. To figure out types of moral values in "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green.
2. To analyze the life philosophy in "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green.

## 1.6 Significances of the Research

The significance of this study encompasses its research goals, which are divided into two key areas: theoretical and practical value.

### 1. Theoretical significance

This research will give more understanding about moral values. Scholars can use this as a reference for the future research. Lecturers can use this research to explain about moral values. This research will show the importance of moral values.

### 2. Practical significance

This research will make the readers to understand about moral values. Readers hopefully can learn about moral in their lives. Also, readers hopefully can take the lesson and used the good moral in their lives.

## 1.7 Definition of Key Terms

There are several essential keywords employed in this research to help the reader understanding this study:

**Moral Philosophical:** A work is typically described or evaluated using its ideas and ideals under the moral approach.

**Approach** This frequently entails comparing the work's concepts and ideals to a particular ethical, philosophical, or theological system, whether they are articulated explicitly by the narrator or a character or implicitly in the general design and substance.

**Moral Values** : Moral values are principles that individuals develop through their experiences. These standards or behavioral patterns are passed down and shared within a society. They guide people on how to act appropriately or inappropriately. While moral values are internalized within a person, they are also inherited and shaped over time through societal influences.

**Life Philosophy** : A philosophical perspective or vision on life encompasses one's understanding of the nature and purpose of existence or the principles guiding how life should be lived. It can also be said, the philosophy of life is how we determine the purpose of life. How do we decide what is good and bad for our lives and how should we treat one another.