

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. The Background of the Study

Gaining the knowledge is one of the essential parts in life to stay survive. To gain the knowledge needed, people should go through a process called as learning which can be fulfilled by reading books which later called as stories. Dr. Seuss' opinion (1978), "Reading means the more that you read, the more things you will know." A question lies whether people should spare their time to read while in fact their brains need a rest due to lots of activities they are involved in. In fact, reading might be a way for brain to get a little rest and refreshing from their busy life as stated by Elizabeth Scott, the writer of "*Living Dead Girl*" novel, "I love books. I love that moment when you open one and sink into it, you can escape from the world, into a story that's way more interesting than yours will ever be".

From Elizabeth Scott's statement above, there is another statement from Robert DiYanni (2000) that "Stories draw us into their imaginative worlds and engage us with the power of their invention. They provide us with more than the immediate interest of narrative of -something happening- and more than the pleasure of imagination: they enlarge our understanding of ourselves and deepen our appreciation of life." In addition, Benton and Fox (1985, p. 15) states "Stories provide the possibility of the feeling and can offer their readers potential growth points for the development of a more subtle awareness of human behaviour".

Reading a fiction story which later in this study called as "novel" is interesting and quite entertaining because Hawthorn (1985:1) state "Fictitious here usually refers to a word fiction that shows imaginary characters and situations. In other side, although the novel may contain an imaginary content, they are in some sense represent a real life situation". In other words, a novel will give another points of view about moments that might be has happened in life.

The development of the characters in their life will bring the readers to a new life experience while reading the sequence of the story, feel or imagine the situation in the story although there is even a picture which helps to understand the context of the story. And the good thing to be learned from a novel is the moral value that later will be called as human value. Hornby (2010:959) states, “Moral is concerned with principles of right and wrong behavior”.

The novel that the writer use in this study is one of D.H Lawrence novels entitled *Sons and Lover* (1913). This novel tells about a woman named Gertrude Coppard, an unsatisfied lady with her marriage and put all her attentions and power into her sons. Giving up to find the happiness in her marriage and lost her caring to her husband, Mrs. Gertrude moved her attention to her sons. First, she put her caring to William, the first son, who moved to London for a work and died there. Next, Mrs. Gertrude, moved all her attention to the second son, Paul, who later live his life under his mother’s influence. As a growing man, Paul always did whatever his mother said and did not get any chance to decide anything himself

even for his love relationships. Two girls came to his life but no one was happily ended. At the end, Paul spent his rest of life alone after the death of his mom. (D.H. Lawrence novel: Sons and Lovers page 7-511)

The writer finds that Mrs. Gertude and Paul Morel have an unusual relationship. The son, Paul, trapped in a feeling to take care of his mother who were not happy in her marriage. And then, the mother herself was become a good role model besides trying to keep her son for herself. As a result, Paul was kind of fell in love with her mother and had such a deep feeling to his mother. Hornby, (2010:1649) says, “Besides value, there is a belief about what is right and wrong and what is important in life”. What was happened in Paul’s life sounds wrong and uncommon in the writer’s beliefs and stimulates her to do this study.

## **1.2. Statement of the Problem**

Based on the background above and in line with the title of this study, the writer tries to answer the following questions “What human values can be found in Paul Morel’s life?”

### **1.3. The Objective of the Study**

Based on the statements of the problem above, the objective of the research is to find out what human values can be found in Paul Morel's life.

### **1.4. The Theoretical Framework**

The Theoretical Framework used for this study is the theory of novel to help the writer has a deeper understanding of a novel, the theory of human value is used to get the human values of the entire story and the last the writer chooses one of the approaches of the analysis and intpretation of literature which is reader-response perspectives. In this study, the writer will limit her focus on Paul Morel, a major character in "Sons and Lovers" novel by D.H. Lawrence, who trapes in his deep feeling on his mother in his entire life.

### **1.5. The Scope and Limitation of the Study**

This study is focus on an analysis of human values in D.H. Lawrence novel titled Sons and Lovers and the writer limits the sources that the writer only wants to focus on the published novel.

### **1.6. The Significance of the Study**

The significance of the study would be as follows:

1. The result of this study can introduce the novel Sons and Lovers to the new readers in literature.
2. This study can help people who like to read literature especially for those who want to know how to analyze the human value in a novel.
3. The readers of this study can get the human values in Sons and Lovers novel which will be useful in their life.
4. The result of the study will become another reference for someone who will make an analysis in the same field especially students of the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education in Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya.

## 1.7. Definition of Key Terms

This research is composed of five main terms which are essential to be described. The writer desires to explain the meaning of the title consideration concisely as follow:

### 1. Human Values

Human values are the consequences of the whole man, body and spirit, living successfully with one's self, with society, and with the universe. (Knickerbocker, 1960: 409).

### 2. Novels

Regarding to Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English, a novel is a story long enough to fill a complete book, in which the characters and events are usually imaginary. (Hornby, 2008: 1006).

### 3. D.H. Lawrence

David Herbert Lawrence was born on 11 September 1885 in Nottinghamshire, an English mining town. He was educated there and published his first novel between 1911. In addition, he is the fourth of the five children of Arthur John Lawrence (1846-1924) and his wife

Lydia (1851-1910).

#### 4. Sons and Lovers

Sons and Lovers is a novel written by David Herbert Lawrence. It was published in Penguin Books 1948. For additional information, this novel was made and printed in Great Britain by Cox & Wyman Ltd, London, Reading and Fakenham. It was also set in Monotype Bembo with the ISBN 0 14 00.0668 0.