

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

This chapter deals with the background of the study, problems of the study, objectives of the study, the significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and research method.

#### **1.1 Background of the Study**

One of life problem is a conflict. Conflict is a dramatic event referred to the struggle of two balance's strength and created strong response (Wellek & Warren, 1989: 285)

Conflict is present everywhere in the world around all the human beings. They experience conflict in their life, and it can be minor or major. A conflict is a part of life and people can't avoid it.

A conflict in literature is defined as any struggle between opposing forces. Usually, the main character struggles against some other force. This type of conflict is what drives each and every story. Without it, the story would have no point or purpose. They need some struggle in order for the reader to get involved and care about what might happen to the characters.

In this thesis the writer focus in the Charlie's conflict in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. This novel is about fifteen-year-old Charlie is coping with the suicide of his friend, Michael. To lessen the fear and anxiety of starting high school alone, Charlie starts writing letters to a stranger, someone he heard was nice but has never met in person.

At school, Charlie finds a friend and mentor in his English teacher, Bill. He also overcomes his chronic shyness and approaches a classmate, Patrick, who, along with his step-sister Sam, become two of Charlie's best friends

During the course of the school year, Charlie has his first date and his first kiss, he deals with bullies, he experiments with drugs and drinking, and he makes friends, loses them, and gains them back. He creates his own soundtrack through a series of mix tapes full of iconic songs, reads a huge stack of classic books, and gets involved in the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Charlie has a relatively stable home life, with a supportive parents that always shower him love. Unfortunately, a disturbing family secret that Charlie has repressed for his entire life surfaces at the end of the school year. Charlie has a severe mental breakdown and ends up hospitalized.

This novel is dominantly expressing conflicts experienced by the main character and inspires the writer to analyze Charlie's internal and external conflicts in Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

## **1.2 Problem of the Study**

According to the background of the study above, the researcher intends to answer two question :

1. What is the Charlie's internal conflict and its solution portrayed in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* ?
2. What is the Charlie's external conflicts and their solution portrayed in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

### 1.3 Objective of study

Concerning the problems mentioned above, this study is intended to find out the two objectives of the study:

1. To identify Charlie's internal conflict portrayed in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
- 2 To identify Charlie's external conflict portrayed in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

### 1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically , the significance of this analysis is to increase the literary understanding in terms of literary works and character through novel and to describe the portrayal conflict in the novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* . Practically , it has significance for the readers to understand the meaning of conflict.

### 1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* has some aspects that can be analyzed. However, this study is focused on the conflict to be analyzed.

### 1.6 Research Methods

In composing this thesis and to analyze the conflict found from the main characters in this novel. First of all, the novel written by Stephen Chbosky entitled *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is read, while identifying and marking the conflict of the main characters that found as the data from the novel that used as the data source to analyze, then when the data is collected, the data will be

selected to the most significant data that will be used in the this thesis based on the type of the conflicts in order to ease the data analyzing procedure.

A library research is used to collect some data to support the analysis, finding the related data to the research then narrowing the collecting data of the library research to the related element which are about conflict and character.

### **1.7 Organization of the Study**

This thesis is divided into four chapter. The first chapter is the introduction that consists of the background of the study, the statement of the problem, the objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, research method and organization of the study. The second chapter is the review of related literature that contain the theories the thesis writer use in the analyze. The third chapter is analysis. This chapter focuses in analyzing Charlie's conflict, internally and externally. And the last chapter is conclusion that summarizes the analysis.