2. CHARACTER IS ONE OF ELEMENTS OF A NOVEL

2.1. Main Character

The personalities of the character become familiar to us. If the story seems “true to life”, we will find the character act in a reasonably consistent manner, and that the author has provide them with motivation, sufficient reason to behave as they do.

Because of the main character in a story appears and most is always related to another character, it determines the plot in the whole story.

According to Nurgiyantro (1995 : 176), dilihat dari segi peranan atau tingkat pentingnya tokoh dalam sebuah cerita, ada tokoh yang tergolong penting dan di tampilkan terus menerus sehingga terasa mendominasi sebagian besar ceita. Tokoh itu adalah tokoh utama. [translate] (It is seen from the important level of character in a story, there are essential characters and they are appeared continuously, so they are dominant in most of the story. It is called main characters.)

According to Nurgiyantro (1995 : 176-177), tokoh utama adalah tokoh yang di utamakan penceritaan dalam novel yang bersangkutan. Ia merupakan tokoh yang paling banyak di ceritakan, baik sebagai pelaku kejadian maupun yang dikenai kejadian. [translate] (Main character is the important character in the novel. Main character is talked more, as a subject or an object.)

2.2. Aya Kito’s Character

In 1 Litter of Tears, there is only one main character. She is Aya Kito. Before Aya diagnose with the Spinocerebellar Ataxia disease, she is a 14-year-old
Japanese girl who is very passionate. On his birthday Aya promises to live her youth in the best way. It can be seen in this quotation:

Today is my birthday is the 14th. I have to thank my mom and dad for their love. I will try to achieve a better accomplishment in school, healthy and never bother my parents. I will live my youth the best possible way.
(Kito, 2005:1)

At the age of 15, Aya's body condition begins to change. Aya was increasingly getting thin. She is not good at sports lessons because she has a weak physical. It can be seen in this quotation:

Lately, I don’t know why, I feel thinner.
(Kito, 2005:5)

My accomplishment in sports lessons can be said for granted. Probably because of my physical condition is weak. I was so tense. I could not run and do the passing.
(Kito, 2005:6)

Aya is a smart girl. She is smart in English lesson. She is also succeeded to entering the public high school. Her mother always support her, she knew that her daughter is master that. It can be seen in this quotation:

I graduated from high school country! I will study hard.
(Kito, 2005:16)

Aya has a good achievement in school, so she can enter high Toyohashi public high school. He passed the English exam level 3.
(Kito, 2005:132)

"You are smart. You can just stick to whatever subject you enjoy and make use of that in the future. You're good at English, so you should
master that. English is an international language so I'm sure it will be 
of good use.”
(Kito, 2005:7)

Aya has many friends because she has a good personality. Aya is also gave 
a positive influence to her friends. It can be seen in this quotation:

"I like to read because of Aya", said Shin.
"That’s good", I said.
(Kito, 2005:31)

"if there is clover v four?" Emi asked.
"Clover usually have three leafs. If will be remarkable if it has four leafs. Happiness is a remarkable thing." I said.
(Kito, 2005:55)

Aya is a tough girl. She never gave up with her disease. Her spirit to struggle into her disease is higher than her fear. She always thinks positive with her life. It can be seen in this quotation:

It's ok to fall down.
Anyway, we can still get up, isn't that a good thing?
While falling down, look up the sky.
The blue sky high up my head, seems so wide and limitless
Can you see it smiling at you?
I am still alive
(Kito, 2005:112)