1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is concerned with all aspects of human life and universe in their entirety. There are so mainly three important branches of literature; novel, poetry, and drama. One of the important branches is novel. In Rees’ book (1973:106), *English Literature, The Shorter Oxford Dictionary* stated that novel is a fictitious prose narrative of considerable length in which characters and action representative of real life are portrayed in a plot of more or less complexity.

Character is a person to judge person can be viewed what he says, what he done and his personality.

“Characters are person presented in a dramatic or narrative work, who are interpreted by the reader as being endowed with moral and dispositional qualities that are expressed in what they say – the dialogue – and by what they do – the action. The grounds in a characters temperament and moral nature for this speech an action constitute his motivations” (Abrams, 1981:20).

Based on the explanation, the character’s expression through what they do or the action and expression has a personality. If in the expression, character has good action, so does the personality. On the other hand, if in the expression character has bad action, the personality will be bad. Through the characterization can be showed the character of one person to be done or to be missed. It can be said that character and personality is closely related.

Leading character is not far different from main character as popularly recognized in literary works. What implicitly I want to emphasize is the leading
character addressed to a single person only. Meanwhile, main character may offer more than one. This is the background as well as the reason why I choose that word in my paper title.

Patrick Suskind is one wonderful author. Almost every novel of him is best seller. In his novel, his concern is with the emotional and moral character rather than human physicality. *Perfume* is one of her fascinating novel that was published in 1985. The novel explored the sense of smell, and its relationship with the emotional that scents may carry. Above all this is a story of identity, communication and the morality of the human spirit.

Not only the novel, the movie also gets popularity. It was released on September 14, 2006 in Germany. The film was number one on the box office charts in its first three weeks. The film ended up selling over five millions tickets.

Finally, by writing this paper, the writer wants to share her knowledge to the readers about the analysis of the novel to make her self and the readers more understand about the leading character’s personalities.

1.2 Scope of the Study

Based on the background of the study, this study is focused on the leading character’s personalities in Patrick Suskind novel, *Perfume: The story of A Murderer*. The writer believes that are many important aspect of that can be discussed, but in this paper she talks about the leading character’s personalities.
1.3 Purpose of the Study

The purpose of writing this paper is to make more interested in reading a novel. And the writer wants to analyze the leading character’s personalities in Patrick Suskind’s novel *Perfume: The story of A Murderer*. The writer wants to explain the leading personalities to the reader so the reader can understand about the personalities of the leading character easily and they more interest to read the novel.

1.4 Significance of the Study

By making the analysis contains theoretical and practical one. The former suggests that the analysis be helpful for readers to study of literature if the students already know about literature they can understand it easily. And the readers can know about the leading character’s personalities in Patrick Suskind novel, *Perfume: The story of A Murderer*.

1.5 Method of the Study

Research on a written of literary work that has long been published is usually carried out by library research. By this research, the writer has to read some books related to collect some data needed for the paper or other scientific writing. After the data collected, the data are selected, while making notes before writing the paper. It is also needed a search from internet to complete the data that had been collected. After the data had been collected, it is interpreted and analyzed into a description. This method is known as descriptive method.