2. METHOD OF THE STUDY

In order to analyze the conflicts in three selected short stories of Flannery O'Connor, they are: *A Good Man Is Hard To Find*, *Everything That Rises Must Converge*, and *Greenleaf*; I apply the library research as the method in composing this thesis. In analyzing those three selected short stories, I should find out the data to support my analysis. First of all, I read those three selected short stories of Flannery O'Connor in order to have understanding about the content of those short stories. Then, in order get the data, I use some steps as follows:

a) Data collecting procedure

This is the first step in analyzing the thesis. The primary source of the data is the text itself. I underline and collect the important things from the novel such as the information about the characteristics of each character, the way the characters interact with other characters, and how do the characters respond to certain accident in those short stories. I do the same thing with the related book and references as the secondary data of my thesis. I use some books and several other resources as references related to the subject matter being analyzed. Those books are the books about conflict and short story. I mark the important information from the sources which explain about the short story and conflicts.

b) Data selecting procedure

The second step is data selecting. All information that I have collected are being selected and only the very significant data are used in the process of doing this thesis. In this step I group the conflicts that I found according to the types of

the conflict and the motif of the conflict, in order to ease me in data analyzing procedure.

c) Data analyzing procedure

The last step is data analyzing. All the selected data are being analyzed to achieve what has been planned for the objective of this thesis and finally a conclusion can be drawn from the analysis.

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