CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Every student of University of Sumatera Utara at the end of their study is obliged to write a thesis as a partial fulfillment to complete her study. She is allowed to join the green table test for a degree after finishing her thesis. The thesis is a proof that she has passed her study. In writing the thesis, the writer has chosen one field of study, namely linguistics, because linguistics is an interesting topic to be discussed.

This thesis is a comparative research. Comparative research is the act of comparing two or more things with a view to discovering something about one or all of the things being compared. The writer chooses to compare between narrative and recount because they are often mostly used in writings. However, it is interested to compare the difference between narrative and recount and analyze what elements are found in narrative and recount genres.

This thesis focuses on an analysis of a discourse text that specifically analyzes generic structure of a text. Genre has a structure that is called generic structure, which gives a text a complete characterization of texture.

A generic structure is realized and characterized by a structure characteristic of its own. Genre may be classified into two major categories. They are story genre such as narrative, recount, and anecdote, and factual genre such as description, report, (auto) biography, procedure, expository, explanation,
discussion, and exploration. The advantages to learn generic structure are to enrich people's knowledge about writing skill.

The reason of comparing a narrative genre and recount genre is to identify how the generic structure develops in different types of genres, because genre is as social action. Besides that, narrative genre and recount genre are the dominant genre used in society like in communication and writing. And in this thesis the writer focuses in analyzing narrative genre in *Beauty and the Beast* story and recount genre in letter “Weekend at the Beach”.

1.2. Problems of the Study

In the analysis there are some research questions that need to be answered, they are:

a. What is the generic structure used in narrative text *Beauty and the Beast*?

b. What is the generic structure used in a recount letter “Weekend at the Beach”?

c. How are both genre types developed to achieve their goals?

1.3. Objectives of the Study

Dealing with the analysis of generic structure in narrative *Beauty and the Beast* and recount letter “Weekend at the Beach”, this thesis is written to obtain some purposes or objectives. They are:

a. To identify the generic structure used in narrative *Beauty and the Beast*.

b. To identify the kind of generic structure used in a recount letter “Weekend at the Beach”.

c. To explain the development of generic structure in both texts.
1.4. Scope of the Study

The writer tries to narrow down the field of analysis that is only to take one aspect of language to be realized. In this thesis the writer focuses her analysis in analyzing the generic structure in *Beauty and the Beast* story and recount letter “Weekend at the Beach”.

1.5. Significance of the Study

The significances of the study are to:

a. make the readers know about the generic structure of narrative and recount.

b. make the readers more understand the genre types and their generic structure.

c. to develop literacy ability.