1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. Broadly speaking, "literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works. Literature refers to compositions that tell stories, dramatize situations, express emotions, and analyze and advocate ideas. Literature helps us grow, both personally and intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding. In literature is known the kinds of literature as Prose fiction, Poetry, Drama and Non Fiction Prose.

Prose fiction or narrative fiction, includes myths, parables, novels or romances, and short stories. According to Wikipedia, novel is a book of long narrative in literary prose. The genre has historical roots both in the fields of the medieval and early modern romance and in the tradition of the novella. The latter supplied the present generic term in the late 18th century. In a literature there is a term which is known as character. Character plays a pivotal role in a drama, novel, short story and all kind narratives writing. The character guides readers through the story, helping them to understand plots and themes. In characters there are two basic types of characters, their qualities, functions, and importance for the development of the novel: flat characters and round characters. Flat characters are two-dimensional, in that they are relatively uncomplicated and do not change throughout the course of a work. By contrast, round characters are complex and undergo development, sometimes sufficiently to surprise the reader.
In this paper, the writer will analyze about novel *The Notebook* who written by Nicholas Sparks who is an American author most noted for his romance novels, based on true story. The novel was later adapted into a popular romance film. The protagonists in the story are Noah and Allie. They live in a different status, it makes them separated by Allie’s mother. But it does not make Allie stop loving Noah. Their love is so strong. That is why the writer really interested to analyze this story. It teaches about a sincere love and how to fight it.

The author, Nicholas Charles Sparks can make the readers appreciate all events written in the novel. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska Dec 31, 1965. When he was 28 years of age in 1994, he wrote *The Notebook* over a six month period. It was published by Warner Books in October of 1996 and is currently only the third novel in recent history to spend over a year as a hardcover best seller and 7 others novel which were domestic and international best-sellers which have been translated into more than 35 languages, and 2 others which were unpublished.

### 1.2 Objective of the Study

Many readers will not understand the propose of the author without knowing the elements pictured on the main and major characters. Therefore, the problem of this study are the elements presented on the events done by the characters.
1.3 **Scope of the Study**

The writer just limits to analyze about main characters in novel The Notebook, and a brief about of plot in those novel. It is important to limit the topic in order to make the paper easily and clearly understood for the readers. The analysis is to throw ideas pictures through the characters.

1.4 **Significance of the Study**

By writing this paper, the writer hopes can finish the study at Diploma 3 English literature and improve the information about the main characters including the status and moral of them. By knowing this, it can improve the readers to increase the habit for reading among the young people.

1.5 **The Method of Research**

In writing this paper the writer uses some research methods, such as library research, field research, and experiment. The writer has three steps in writing this paper. First, the writer read the novel in several times to make her understand about the story. After having understood about it, the writer focuses to analyze the main character. Second, the writer watched the film twice to make more understood the story. The last, the writer browsed data from internet to look for the compliment sources and also to know the biography of the writer, then the writer makes conclusions about it.