

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Literature is the playing form of composer's words which contains of certain purpose that will be informed for literature lovers. Basically, literature comes from Latin word, "littera" which means the letter or handwriting, it was used to refer to all written or printed words. Literature can be seen as a creation of human activities that live in social life with all problems.

Literary works have function to entertain or teach some things for readers. The function of this literature can be found in any kind of literary works. Authors appreciate the problem and then put it into a work of literary fiction. As the work of literature has function to entertain, it can also be a movie.

Literature has been classified into novel, fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction prose. From the above classification, the writer decided to discuss the fiction in a novel. A novel usually tells about human life which interact with the environment and each other. In a novel, the author makes every effort to direct with the reader to images of the reality of life through the stories contained in the novel. Novel rises something which describe the human life, it becomes as something that people may understand with the same principle in daily life, such as psychological truth, history, a consciousness of moral values and many more.

This research is about the main characters in a novel. Character is an important factor that drives the novel's plot. The more complex a character, the more intricate the plot of the story. Because of this reason sometimes most readers

just read the novel, enjoyed and completed without any value can be obtained. This can cause a message or moral values who want to be conveyed by the author can't be absorbed by the reader.

Nurdiyanto (2002: 11) states that reading a novel, for most (large) people just want to enjoy the story presented. They will only get the impression, the general and vague about the plot and the particular section of interest.

Seeing the above opinion regarding the understanding of readers often miss important things in the novel that is in terms of the characters in the story and the importance of the values embodied on these characters, it is necessary to study in terms of the main character in a novel.

The writer wants to describe main characters in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*". Especially the writer discusses about the character of the main characters in this novel which are Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John. H. Watson. This is a novel about detective. The famous character in this novel is the major character, that is Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock Holmes is a fictional detective, created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a Scottish author and doctor national. Holmes, who referred to himself as a "consulting detective" is known for the sharpness of logical reasoning, the ability of disguise, and skill in using forensic science to solve various cases.

The writer take this novel from a book entitled "*Sherlock Holmes The Complete Novels and Stories Volume II*". This book contains a collection of four stories about Sherlock Holmes, consists of 2 novels and 2 books, created by Sir

Arthur Conan Doyle which is used into one book by the publisher. "*The Hound of the Baskervilles*" was published serially in The Strand Magazine in 1901-1902. The writer is very interested with the main characters in the novel. Main character in this story has a very intelligent brain, and has a cold personality. He had a colleague and at once his best friend Dr. John H. Watson, that in this story, he was the one who wrote all the work stories of his best friend. Dr. John H. Watson is a former army doctor who has a personality and body like soldiers, but also a good person.

1.2 Problem of the Study

The problems of the study are:

1. What character is Sherlock Holmes in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*"?
2. What character is Dr. John H. Watson in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*"?

1.3 Scope of the Study

In order to avoid an excessive discussion, I will only examine the first novel in the book, the title of the novel is "*The Hound of the Baskervilles*" consists of 160 pages. It will not reduce the value of scientific study contained in this book. Then based on the problem of study, the scope of the study is to describe the character of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John H. Watson who are the main characters in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Novel "*The Hound of The*

Baskervilles". Scope of the study is necessary in order to make a research become specific and well managed.

1.4 Method of the Study

The writer uses descriptive qualitative method and library research in doing this paper. There are many books must be read to complete this paper. Firstly, the writer reads and understand the story of the novel carefully and more than once, and then looking for characters of the main characters. Secondly, choosing the lines to make in as the sample. After that, the data has been found is interpreted by using some books about literature from the library and also browsing from internet. And the last, the writer analyzes the data and make conclusion.

1.5 Objective of the Study

The objective of the study were intended to:

- 1) To describe the character of Sherlock Holmes in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*"
- 2) To describe the character of Dr. John H. Watson in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*"

1.6 Significance of the Study

The result of the study were expected to be meaningful for :

1. Readers to recognize and identify the character in every literature product

2. Researchers that are going to conduct a further study on literature that relate with human characterization.

1.7 Reason for Choosing the Topic

The writer chooses Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Novel "*The Hound of The Baskervilles*" as an object of his analysis because this book which is inspired, it taught a lot of new knowledge in a variety of science, and made the writer know a little history about the city of London in the 19th century. This novel is also best-selling novel and is the longest novel that is still in production today. Sherlock Holmes is arguably the most well-known, with Guinness World Record listing him as the "most portrayed movie character" in history. Moreover, story in this book really made me think hard like a detective and more of all is the unique and brilliant ways of the main character in solving the case.