

CHAPTER 3

METHOD OF THE STUDY

1.1 Research Design

This is a descriptive qualitative research. It is descriptive as the analysis is done in the form of description to the phenomena found in the novel; while it is qualitative since the data are verbal and not numeral form.

3.2 Unit of Analysis

The units of analysis are classified into two such as intrinsic and extrinsic elements. Intrinsic aspects are those related to general description of the main character, conflict, and setting. In addition, extrinsic elements are related to those of social stratification experienced by the main character.

1.3 Source of The Data

The researcher used Arundhati Roy's novel *The God of Small Things* as the primary sources of this research. In the other hand, the researcher also used the other references related the theory to support the data.

3.4 Technique of Data Collection

1. Reading the novel thoroughly to understand the novel well.
2. Sorting the data dealing with the units of analysis.
3. Writing the data tabulation consisting of quotation, classification, context and page.

4. Searching the references from library and internet.

3.5 Technique of Data Analysis

Sociological approach was applied in analyzing Arundhati Roy's novel *The God of Small Things*. This approach is suitable to analyze this novel because it concerned about the social stratification in India represented by the story in the novel *The God of Small Things*. In order to analyze the intrinsic elements, the structural approach was also applied.

Two classifications of units of analysis lead to the application of two approaches in the data analysis, namely structural and sociological approaches. Related to the application of structural approach in data analysis, some steps were done as the followings:

1. Analyzing the general description of the main characters by describing the data was found which related with their physical appearance and their traits by looking of their words, their dialogues, or from the words or dialogues from the other character which found in the novel like the quotations as the proof of data analysis.
2. Analyzing the conflict happens in the story by describing the data was found in the novel like the quotations as the proof of the data analysis which related with the opposing character related with internal and external conflicts of the main character.
3. Analyzing the setting by describing the data was found in the novel like the quotations as the proof of the data analysis which related with the location where the story happens, the time when the story happens, and social condition of the society which happens in the novel.

Besides of the structural approach, there is an analysis related to the application of sociological approach in data analysis by describing the

conflicts dealing with social stratification happens in the story to analyze the social stratification term.