CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses some topics related to the background of the study, the statement of problems, the purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of the key term. All of them are included on the chapter one in which each section is described as follows:

1.1 Background of the Study

Talking about literature, it cannot be separated from human’s expression. It can be said that literature is a true picture or replication of human’s life where the human being looked for the way how to express their feeling through literature. Long states that “literature is the expression of life in the word of thoughts and beauty. It is the written record of man’s thoughts, emotions, aspirations; it is the story, and the only history, of the human soul” (2004: 8). He describes that by literature the human being could express their feelings.

Literature covers literary works in the form of drama, novel, poetry, short story, and film or movie. Meanwhile, novel is one of kinds of literary work besides drama, poetry and/or movie. According to Kennedy, novel is a book length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that while we need, we experience actual life (1983: 180)

In reading a novel, the readers will gain messages, and it is not easy to interpret, it needs a hard work to appreciate contents of novel. The contents can be
recognized through several aspects; they are: events of human life such as life problems, struggles and conflicts in which those events commonly cover love, sacrifice, humanity and sorrow.

In this study, the novel under the title *What She doesn’t Know* has been chosen to be discussed. This novel was published on September 12, 2006 by Zebra; and the story is written by Beverly Marie Beaver or better known as Beverly Barton. This novel tells the way the main character faces suffering in her life in order to get her prosperity back. Jolie Royale Desmond as a main character has become witness for almost 20 years since the brutal crime that left her mother, her aunt, and her aunt's lover dead, and Jolie critically wounded. She thinks that the murderer has committed suicide, and the case was closed, although rumors of the murderer's true identity abounded. Those feelings turn to dread when the case is reopened--and it becomes clear the killer is still on the loose. There are so many obstacles faced by the main character in order to reveal the true identity of the murderer and get her home “Belle rose” back.

There are some reasons why Jolie’s suffering in *What She doesn’t Know* novel is interesting to be investigated. First, this novel tells many problems faced by Jolie Royale especially her suffering. From the beginning of this novel, Jolie has faced the suffering which brings the correlation in the schemes of plot in this story. Second, suffering commonly happens not only in the novel, but also in the real life. Sometime, people have to face a suffering to get what they want. The evidences of the main character’s suffering will be shown through the problem faced by the main character of the Beverly Barton’s novel *What She doesn’t Know*. 
The previous research was conducted by Mawardi (2014) entitling “A Study On Chris Gardner’s suffering in the pursuit of happiness” film by Gabriele Muchino. This research found several points of suffering. Chris was suffering because he had been left by Linda for going to New York, Chris was disappointed because he could not pay the motel, and the next point of suffer found in this research is about when Chris was hit by a car.

Another research was conducted by Anisah (2013) entitling A Study on Marry Boleyn’s suffering in Phillipia Gregory’s movie “The Other Boleyn Girl”. This research found the reason why Marry Boleyn faces suffering. First, Marry is being forced by family to be a mistress of king Hanry. Second, Marry is disappointed because of her sister’s betrayal. Third, Marry is being ignored by the king, expelled from the court, and being sad because of her family death.

Based on the previous research above we know that literature is very interesting to be studied. The two researchers above used Film as the subject to be analyzed; in this thesis the writer uses different subject, a Novel as a subject. Novel can be analyzed through the paragraph or sentences. Furthermore, by analyzing novel, the proof will be more concrete.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background of the study above, the writer formulates some statement of the problems as follows:
1. What are kinds of Jolie’s sufferings found in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton?

2. What are the causes of Jolie’s suffering found in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton?

3. What are the effects of Jolie’s sufferings found in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton?

1.3 Purpose of the Study

Based on the statements of problems above, this study is intended to answer the research problem. Thus, the purposes of this study are:

1. To figure out the types of Jolie’s sufferings in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton.

2. To describe the causes of Jolie’s sufferings in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton.

3. To describe the effect of Jolie’s sufferings in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel by Beverly Barton.

1.4 Significance of the Study

The result of this study is believed to give some contributions:

First, the result of this study is expected to encourage the readers, especially the students of English department at Muhammadiyah University of Malang to pay more attention to literature in order to that literature teaching learning process will be
better. Furthermore, the readers whom are interested in literature can take moral value.

Second, the writer would give more information and understanding about suffering toward the main characters. It is expected that the result of the study give the readers some knowledge about Jolie’s suffering in *What She Doesn’t Know* novel.

Third, the writer hoped this thesis would be useful for the readers, so that when the readers have the same problems as the characters do, they would able to solve the problems.

**1.5 Scope and Limitation**

This study is focused on the novel *What She Doesn’t Know* by Beverly Barton as a scope. The writer only focuses on “Suffering” for the limitation of study; it tries to analyze one character who is Jolie as a main character.

**1.6 Definition of Key Terms**

In order to clarify and avoid misunderstanding of the terms used in this study, the writer would like to give the definition of the terms used. The key terms that are used to be defined in this study are as follows:

a. *Analysis*: is process of breaking up a concept, proposition, linguistic complex, or fact into its simple or ultimate constituents (*Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 2nd ed., 1999, ed. Robert Audi)
b. *Suffering:* is a universal human experience described as a negative basic feeling or emotion that involves a subjective character of unpleasantness, aversion, harm, or threat of harm to body or mind (Wayne Hudson in Historicizing Suffering, Chapter 14 of *Perspectives on Human Suffering* Jeff Malpas and Norelle Lickiss, editors, Springer, 2012).

c. *Novel:* is a book length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that while we need, we experience actual life (Kennedy, 1983:180).

d. *Main character:* is the individual who contributes the most to the story or who is the most important of the story (www.ask.com).

e. *What she doesn’t know:* is the title of the novel which was written by Beverly Barton (Published on September 12, 2006 by Zebra).