CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents background of the study, statements of the problems, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and definitions of key terms. Each section is presented as follows.

1.1 Background of the Study

People have been quite familiar with works of art in their life. They can be painting, architecture, music, or literature. Literature is a kind of art; usually it is a written that offers pleasure illumination, for instance, poetry, drama, and prose. For some people, literature is very enjoyable such as watching drama, writing novel, and reading history, etc.

Literature is a product of language. Saini K.M and Jakob Sumardjo stated that literature is human’s expression that can be in form of experiences, thoughts, feelings, ideas, spirits, beliefs in a concrete way and can give pleasure through its language (1986:3). It means literature has standard of expression from what the people have shown in life, have experienced about life which interest in their experience directly and forcefully.

According to Valery (in Koesnosoebroto, 1988), literature is kind of extension and application of certain properties of language. It means that literature can be
developed by a language that is expressed by people such as through writing a literary work. Whereas, according to Jones (1968: 1), “Literature is simply another way we can experience the world around us through our imagination.”

The advantages of reading literary works are expanding the reader’s imagination and giving enjoyment understanding of life because the literary work talks about human life.

Generally, literary works are categorized into prose, poetry, and drama. Prose includes novel, short story, legend, and fairy tale; prose includes poetry; and drama includes opera, theater, and movie. In the other words, through literary work people do not need to communicate with other people face to face and they can understand its meaning.

Movie is one of media that contains sound, video animation, picture and it is also supposed to be an image of real world. The advantages from watching movie are not only giving us an entertainment and pleasure but also giving an education. Through movie, people can understand about the development of science, art, and technology that they do not know before.

For those advantages of movie, the researcher has two reasons why she is interested in analyzing movie. First, that movie is a media of communication and education; it is also a replica of the world life. Second, that movie is very interesting to be analyzed because it not only makes the researcher understand the story from the text but also from the motion of the pictures. Furthermore, the researcher takes the main character’s social conflict because it is very interesting to be analyzed.
The researcher chooses a movie entitled “Step up 2” by Toni Ann Johnson and Karien Barna, and tries to focus on the social conflict of the main character that is Briana Evigan as Andie West. It is interesting to analyze social conflict because this kind of conflict is different and unique compared to another conflict. Unique means that a kind of conflicts occurs between people in one group. The person has to think to find the cause of the conflict by analyzing the other’s personality. Then, the social conflicts of the main character “Andi West” is analyzed in this study because it tells us about the conflict that often happen in human’s life. In addition, there is an injustice feeling faced by the main character, Andie West planned to become a street dancer; it is clearly meant for her.

This movie consists of arrange of events in life; thus, it is comparable with people’s daily life. Then in this movie, social conflict is taken as the point of analysis because social conflicts always happen through life and commonly happen in one’s life. Through the movie the audiences can learn how to express something, and to face their life.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background above, the writer is interested in investigating problems related to the main character, they are:

1. What are the social conflicts faced by the main character in “Step Up 2” movie?
2. What are the causes of the main character’s social conflicts?
1.3 Purposes of the Study

In relation to the problem of study, the purposes of study are:

1. To know the social conflicts of the main character in “Step up 2” movie.
2. To know the causes of the main character’s social conflicts.

1.4 Significance of the Study

Theoretically, this thesis is expected to give significant contribution to other students who want to analyze movie. It is also expected to be an input for lectures who teach literature course and for anyone who likes literature as well.

On practical significance, by reading this thesis, it is hoped the readers could have a better understanding about problems that always happen in teaching especially faced by the teacher which is found in “Step up 2” movie.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research is about conflicts in “Step up 2” movie. There are many conflicts that can be found in this movie, such as: psychological conflict, physical conflict, and social conflict. From those conflicts, the researcher is interested in analyzing social conflict. The researcher limits the study only on the main character’s social conflict.
1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In this study the researcher wants to give definition of key terms to avoid reader’s misunderstanding.

1. **Analysis** is a description on the elements of novel, which has a purpose to comprehend the relationship between one element and other (Sujiman in Joko: 2003).

2. **Main character** is the character that appears dominantly of the story (Hornby: 1985).

3. **Movie** means a form of entertainment that enacts a story by sound and a sequence of images giving the illusion of continuous movement (www.thefreedictionary.com).

4. **Social conflict** is a conflict, which is related to social condition in society between characters or individuals or person against another, in their opinion (Jones, Jr: 1968). Social conflict is problems that happen between person and another person.

5. Step up 2 is the title of the movie being discussed.