CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the researcher would like to present research background, research problems, research objectives, scope and limitation, research significance, and definition of key terms.

1.1 Research Background

According to Klarer (2004:1), literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word. Literature then can be said as a creative writing by an author with aesthetic values which makes literature regarded as an art. Literature as a writing form differentiates its form from other art products, and its aesthetic or artistic values make it different from other writings. Literature can be classified into fiction, drama, poetry, film or movie.

Movie is also as a part of literature. Every movie is interesting and entertaining, and makes the audience think. According to Wibowo (2006:196), movie is a tool to convey messages to audience through a media story. Movie is also a medium of artistic expression as a tool for artists and movie maker in order to express the ideas of the story. There are the dominant elements in the movie making process such as, producer, director, screenplay, camera stylist (cameraman), art director, music stylist, editor, sound stylist, and actors. Mostly, movie adopted based on real life stories or from the other experiences. Usually it tells about hate, humanity, sorrow, struggle, etc. Through a movie we know about
something that happened in the society and phenomena in the real world. Moreover, we can take and learn many moral values, lessons, and messages from the movie.

In real life, we often hear or speak about struggle in human life. Struggle means the effort and hard work to achieve something that is expected. There are some varieties of struggle in real life such as, struggle for maintaining love, struggle to get a job, struggle to get a freedom, struggle to heal, struggle to win, etc. People cannot live without struggle to get everything they want because struggle is the most important characteristic that human should have. People are used many ways to make their dreams come true. They tend to do everything to struggle to reach something they need.

Human being cannot be separated from the problems. The problems of every people in this world would be different. Many of them may see their problem as a new challenge in life and make them to solve it. Only with struggle people can solve their own problems and find the joy in life. Now, we can see struggle facing by someone not only in the real world but we can see their struggle in novel, drama, movie, short story etc.

Nowadays, kidnapping is one of the serious crimes around the world. According to Indonesian Criminal Law (KUHP) point 328, whoever takes away someone from his or her residence with the intention to place that person unlawfully under the authority or power of others, or to afflict him or her, the suspect can be punished with maximal 12 years in prison. There are many reasons why some people tend to do kidnapping, such as ransom, family matter, human
trafficking, political matter, even gangster conflict and drugs business. Kidnapping is “the taking away or transportation of a person against the person’s will, usually hold the person in false imprisonment, a confinement without legal authority” (Akwash:2016).

In addition, the previous research done by Francis A. Akwash (2016) entitled “The Psychological impact of Kidnapping” found that kidnapping victims experience psychological disturbance in other aspects of their everyday lives. Trouble sleeping is one of the most common reported psychological impacts of kidnapping and most of kidnap victims can experience stress reaction.

Another research had been done by Elisa Mariam Lengkong (2016) entitled “Depresi dalam Novel “Room”” analyzed about the stress and depression experienced by Newsome during kidnapped. One of the results of that study is, Newsome should try to stay alive in a frightening and anxious situation, these two things causes depression in Newsome. These finding adds the reasons why the researcher assumes that Newsome’s struggle to escape from the kidnapping reflected on “Room” movie is important to be conducted.

This research is important to be analyzed because “Room” movie directed by Lenny Abbrahamson in 2015 brings a good message to everyone who watches it. This movie shows about a woman kidnapped and held in captivity as a sexual slave for years that has a struggle to get a freedom. Besides, this movie contains many struggle faced by Newsome during kidnapped. And through this movie we can learn how to keep struggle to survive.

After watching the movie the researcher is interested in analyzing the main character in “Room” movie. The researcher focused on Newsome’s struggle.
1.2 Research Problems

Based on the background of study, there are some research problems that will be analyzed, they are as follows:

1. What are the causes of Newsome’s struggle to escape from the kidnapping?
2. What are the effects of Newsome’s struggle to escape from the kidnapping?

1.3 Research Objectives

The objectives of the study will be as follows:

1. To analyze the causes of Newsome’s struggle to escape from the kidnapping.
2. To explain the effects of Newsome’s struggle to escape from the kidnapping.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

In the movie there are many themes that we can be analyzed such as, social conflict, hate, humanity, love, etc. In this case, the researcher limits the study only about struggle face by Newsome reflected on “Room” movie.

1.5 Research Significance

The findings of this research aims to be useful for the researcher and the readers to describes the importance of struggle, and to show that people have to survive in difficult time. Moreover, this research is expected to make them realize that learning literature can help people solve their problems in the real life.
The findings are also expected to be useful for the students of English Language Education Department who want to know the struggle faced by Newsome in “Room” movie directed by Lenny Abrahamson. They can get the new information based on what the researcher explained in this research. Moreover, the result of this research can be used as a reference to do the similar research in analyzing movie especially about struggle.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

In order to avoid some misinterpretation in understanding this research, the researcher gives some definition related to the study. Some definitions of key term are provides as follows:

- **Joy Newsome** is one of the main character of the movie “Room”
- **Struggle** is a strong effort, or series of efforts, against any adverse agencies or conditions, as in order to maintain one’s exercise or to attain some end (Pei and Mario in Chasanah 2003:16).
- **Kidnapping** refer to the taking or abduction of an individual against his or her will, usually followed by some duration of captivity (Gurette and Headly 2016).
- **Movie** is a text that contains a series of photographic images that lead to the illusion of movement and action in real life (Danesi, 2010:134).
- **Room** is a 2015 independent drama film directed by Lenny Abrahamson and written by Emma Donoghue, based on her novel of the same title. It starts Brie Larson as a woman who has been held captive for seven years, and whose 5-year old son (Jacob Tremblay) was born in captivity. Their
escape allows the boy to experience the outside world for the first time.

The film also stars Joan Allen, Sean Bridgers, and William H.Macy.