# CHAPTER 1

# INTRODUCTION

## A. Background of Study

Environmentalism is an ideology, a social movement, a way of life with the issues of environmentalist concern. Being an environmentalist starts with awareness. Aware to share a common consciousness and a common goal of reducing our impact on the planet (Buell 13)

This ideology makes an environment becomes public concern and major topic of research in some areas (Buell 3) especially literature whereas we call it ASLE. It is the Assosiation for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE) in 1992. Their concern is share an environment issues with some medias such as novel and movies. Those medias are the alternative way to explain that literature is a product of nature where the human cannot be separated to the nature, it is best known as ecocriticism (Garrard 3). Simply put, ecocriticism is the study about relationship between literature and the environment (3).

There are many novels that raised environment issues; one of them is Jostein Gaarder's novel. The title of the novel is *The World According to Anna*. This novel is about idealistic teenagers, her name is Anna. The action begin when Anna as a Gaarder's major character, is aware of the environment which has been damaged. She finds a thousands of plants and animals have been extinct. All of that condition is the effect of exploitation. Anna sees that human exploit the nature and uses it as the commodity of company but they do not realised that the materials taken are far from the normal limitation. They exploit the resources only to fulfill their company and for their own profit, without thinking how to recycle the source.

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She does worry about that condition and makes some solution to solve it. Two days before her birthday, she is given some presents : a smarthphone and a ruby ring. That night, Anna dreams that she travels through time to 2082, where she meets her granddaughter, Nova. 70 years in the future, and the nature is utterly destroyed at that time. When she wakes up, Anna realised that environment of her dream is the final condition, but her generation still has a chance to do something about it.

The problem above deliver Anna to make an inovation. Anna has an idea about what people can do by green machine. It is an inovation for environment especially the relationship between human and nature that can be a solution. Green machine is the result of Anna's effort to save the environment. The work of green machine is to make people interested to save the environment by changing their focus and attitude toward the environment.

Talking about environment, It is relevant with Garrard's argument who said that human responsibility to the envinronment is part of the environment ethic (Garrard 53). From the explanation above, the research interest to analyze the problem that concerned on the environmental issues and its relation with human in *The World According to Anna,* using ecocriticism.

## B. Statement of problem

Based on the background of study above, the research arrange the statements of the problem bellow :

1. How is Anna characterized?
2. What are Anna's projects in term of taking care to the environment?
3. What are the effects of Anna's projects to the environment?

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## C. Objective of Study

Based on the statement of the problem above, the objectives of the study are:

1. To demonstrate the characterization of Anna in *The World According to Anna*
2. To identify Anna's plan to save the environment.
3. To identify the effects of Anna's plan.

## D. Scope and Limitation

*The World According to Anna* is a novel that concern in the environmental issues. The scope of this research discusses about global warming, dying animal and plants and finding solution. Whereas, the limitation focuses on Anna as a major character and her effort. In other words, this research will take more discussion about environmentalist studied through ecocriticism theory.

## E. Significance of Study

This thesis expected to be useful and enrich the variation of literary work analysis, especially about ecocriticism on English Department. Furthermore, this study will aslo enrich the readers to analyze the literary works from various aspects, without forgetting and leaving the aesthetic and emosional values that contained. Morover, this thesis hoped can be helpful for the students of English Department of UINSA Surabaya who want to know more about Ecocriticism and the next study will be a relevant topic.

## F. Method of Study

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This thesis is library based. Therefore, to make good study, the study usses library research by using some books including the novel itself as the primary source, articles, journals, and online reources. In presenting the analysis, the study mainly uses descriptive qualitative method. Strauss and Corbin stated that the term qualitatives is mean for kind of research in which the results are not obtained through the process of any statistics procedure or another form of calculation (qtd in Supandi 6). If that so, the best method in this analysis is indeed descriptive qualitative method of research for it describes environmentalism activity. The research follows the following steps:

1. Deciding object material

   Reading the novel to get the complete and well understanding on the whole story.

2. Find the issue

   After read this novel, the research found that the major topic of the novel is environment. Here, Gaarder as author want to share the damage condition of the environment to the others. Then, this novel also talking about how human exploit the nature is without think about how to recycle it.

3. Finding the data related

   This novel is a primary source to find the data that related to the issue. There some datas are connected to the issue. Firstly is the forest degradation, climate change, animal extinct and other crisis.

4. Applying Ecocriticism theory for discussion of the research

   This step is to observe some environmental exploitation and the solution, this theory is relevant to the ecocriticism theory about the relationship between human and nature. It is applied in order to give clear description and explanation on the subject being studied.

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5. Analyzing and interpreting the data

   This step is to read in several times to observe the novel that focus on the relationship between human and nature. Ecocriticism.

6. Conclusion

   The research concludes the thesis based on the result of data analysis.

## G. Key Terms

Environmentalist : Environmentalism is an ideology, a social movement, a way of life with the issues of environmentalist concern. The activity of protecting the environment from polluting and destruction (Buell 13).

Ecocriticism : Ecocriticism is the study of the relationship between literature and the physical environment (Garrard 3).

Respect : A central concept in many ethical theories; demonstrating it as the very essence of morality and the foundation of all others duties and obligation (Garrard 73).

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