

CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

Jerome David Salinger, an American writer of the post World War II, has successfully dealt with the topics of youth. The important process of life in human beings is in the time of youth which is the transitional period from innocence to maturity . Salinger's stories take subject matters which are based on the contemporary issues in 1950's and 1980's among the modern youth. His interest toward human nature drives him to explore the inner life of human being. And it becomes the sources of his imagination that is revealed throughout his literary works. He usually shows the real condition of mankind through revealing human's consciousness and presenting human's personal problem sensitively. He shows troubled individuals who are in conflicts with themselves (Magil, 1983: 2321 - 2329).

Through the main characters, especially Franny, the theme of alienation becomes vivid. After her

alienation she becomes mature and ready to face the real world. Commonly an alienation theme refers to something negative about an alienated person. One who is estranged from the society, others, environment, or himself usually lives in his own imagination that leads him into madness. Meanwhile, Salinger creates alienated young characters who successfully gain the awareness between the reality and the ideal, or the real world and the imagined world. Therefore, by picking and analyzing the theme of the story the reader also will know more about Salinger's concern toward youth's conflicts in the modern world. He understands that the youth are in the transition to maturity. In this time usually young people get in the confusion between his ideal and the real world. Therefore, Salinger tries to reveal the characterization of Franny as a youth.

1.2. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

,The whole discussion tries to answer the major theme that is revealed through the main character's psychological conflicts in this story. This case gives a youth figure who is caught in the confusion and conflict of alienation. In order to understand

themselves, young men may alienate themselves and live in solitary lives. In this case, the alienation of young people brings the positive effects to their lives.

1.3. PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

It is important to know the process of maturity in the lives of young people. Through the process of alienation one can make progress in his maturity .. The alienation is not a kind of a strange attitude but something natural. One even needs to alienate himself in order to recognize and understand himself and his position among others in society. When one is alienated he has conflicts and tries to solve his problem in order to seek peace and understanding. And when he finds the answer to his problems , he has a new understanding on his problems. This case does not happen to most people , but only to some certain people who have sensitive feelings. Those people are really concerned about the hardness of life and the ugliness of world.

1.4. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

This study can give an additional knowledge to explore our inner-life in order to get self-realization. Through this thesis the reader can know the alternative ways to understand and to recognize oneself. If one has known his real self, he is ready to face the reality and even the course of life. In other word, the theme of this story acknowledges the revelation of human's life. Person may know her real self and understand her ability to face the reality by having self-revelation, a sudden inspiration of knowledge about himself.

1.5. SCOPE AND LIMITATION

The analysis is limited to the theme of alienation in the life of Franny, the main character. In order to give a vivid picture about Franny's life , the discussion will be related to the relationship between Franny and her family, also her boyfriend. The analysis emphasizes on the development of Franny's maturity.

1.6. THE ORGANIZATION

The analysis is divided into six chapters. The first chapter states the background of choosing the topic , also how and why the topic is written in this thesis. The second chapter describes the theories that support the analysis . The next chapter gives a clear description about the causes of Franny's alienation. Further, the fourth chapter explains the alienation of Franny- how she can get into social alienation and then self-alienation. The last analysis discusses the effects of the alienation toward Franny. The conclusion is in the sixth chapter. It will give a clear clue of the whole discussion.