

Chapter II

Review of Related Literature

This chapter deals with the literary theories and necessary related theories which I think are important as they will support the analysis. The literary theories are characterization and conflict. Characterization is used to describe Edward and Lavinia's personality. Conflict is also used to reveal the opposite ideas between them. Meanwhile, the related theories present the definition and the information of love and marriage. These words have various meanings, so it can be interpreted differently. Thus, these words are defined to avoid misinterpretation and to give obvious meanings; later, they are used to support my analysis in chapter three.

II.1 Literary Theories

The literary theories that are used include theories of characterization and conflict. I will use the theory of characterization in order to describe the personalities of Edward and Lavinia and show to the readers about their behavior, thoughts and feelings through their speech. Also, I will use the theory of conflict to explain the main characters' struggle between opposing clash of ideas.

II.1.1 Characterization

Characterization is very important in literature, characterization cannot be separated from the story of a play, for the story is dependent upon the character. By having characters, a story will have a meaning and it is possible for us as a reader to enjoy it. Also, from characterization, a reader can visualize each of the character in the story, especially in a play, an actor must know the character well when it is presented.

According to Holman in A Handbook to Literature, characterization is “the creation of images of these imaginary persons so credible that they exist for the reader as real within the limits of the fiction” (91). It means that the author of a literary work makes the imaginary person to be like a real person in everyday life both in character and personality, so the reader can have a feeling that the imaginary person is alive and real. In Counterpoint in Literature by Robert C. Pooley, characterization is also the method an author uses to acquaint the reader with his character. He may use any or all of four different methods of characterization :

1. He may describe the character's physical traits and personality.
2. He may show the character's speech and behavior.
3. He may give the opinions and reaction of other characters toward this individual.
4. He may show the character's thoughts and feelings (538).

I will not choose any numbers of the theory of characterization or explain in detail on each number throughout my analysis, but I will use it generally in order to describe the main characters' personality. Later in chapter three, their characterizations are connected to conflict and quarrel which makes the discussion becomes more interesting.

II.1.2 Conflict

Conflict in a play can be a trigger which can lead the reader to read the story of the play from the beginning till the end of the story, or even the reader can read more than one play. Conflict becomes one of the most important tools in the play because without it the story is not exciting and monotonous. Conflict means a struggle between opposing forces; a clash of actions, ideas, desires or values. A conflict may take place between a character and an outside force or within the character himself (Scott 518). Although a conflict itself has outer and inner conflicts, I will not explain what kind of inner and outer conflicts happen on the main characters. On the other hand, I just use it generally as a clash of ideas and expectations between the characters. Edward and Lavinia often have conflicts, a clash of ideas and desires, that make them blaming and accusing one another, so I

will show their conflicts and analyze why they have conflicts and what are the points of their conflicts. From the analysis, I may know the causes of their broken marriage.

II.2 Related Theories of Love and Marriage

Many literary works, such as a poet, a play, or a prose, deal with love and marriage. Without love and happy marriage, the life of someone will be meaningless. It is because a matter of love and marriage deal with a feeling of someone. In addition, without love, there will be no harmonious marriage because love is very essential in establishing it. Also, other important things in a marriage are understanding, concern, and good communication between each other. Otherwise, there will be no harmonious marriage. As a result, it turns into infidelity in marriage, for example, having love affairs and conflict. Later, the worst effects are divorce and loneliness. Hence, I want to discuss the idea of love and marriage. Then, I will use them in my analysis to find out whether Edward and Lavinia understand the idea of love and marriage in their marriage life because their marriage has turned into broken one.

II.2.1 The Concept of Love

Most people would agree that love is a necessary ingredient in our lives. Everybody needs to be loved and to love. A baby needs love to grow up, a teenager needs love to search for self-identity, and an adult also needs love to be mature. Indeed, no one does not need love to live. If love is so all-important, what

is the meaning of love? When ordinary people are asked about the definition of love, they will think for a while before explaining the definition because love deals with a feeling that every person has, and of course, it is quite difficult to express someone's feeling of love into words. However, I want to give a definition of love in general based on two books. In Personal Awareness, Richard G. Warga defines love as "an intense feeling of positive regard toward another person in which the needs and the desires of that person are put above those of the one who loves" (313). In other words, a man's need and feeling of love toward a woman and vice versa is above of all. Love is not only a matter of emotion but also behavior and attitudes, such as, trust, positive acceptance, helpful criticism, and a wish of luck for the loved one (314).

Even though people have struggled to define love, there are many ideas which can be explored to improve the understanding of the meaning of love. In the same book, Erich Fromm, a humanist, considers love to be a set of creative relationships that includes four elements: knowledge, care, respect, and responsibility (314). First, by knowledge, he means that people in love must know each other. For real love and knowing, people must experience each other, a man should know his girlfriend's character or her likes and dislikes and vice versa. Second, caring is about concern to the loved one's health, growth, stability, and welfare. It is sharing the loved one's feeling: joy in the loved one's joy or pain when the loved one's feels hurt or insecure. Care in a love relationship is mutuality in giving as well as taking. Third, by respect, Fromm means the mutual acceptance of loved ones as they are, as unique persons. Respect does not mean

fear or deference. It does not change the loved one's character into a certain image, but leaves his or her personality as it is and accepts it. Fourth, responsibility, according to Fromm, means responding to the loved person's needs, particularly emotional needs. Shortly, love is a relationship of giving and taking, of sharing and returning, of mutual responding and interaction (314-315).

Another definition of love is based on David Schulz in The Changing Family. He says that: "love is a relation between persons, not between things. It means unity which shares emotional feeling. Love means affection, help when it is needed and support" (156). It means that love is a relationship between persons who share emotional feeling and affection; also, love can give support and hope to the loved one when it is needed. In conclusion, the final meaning of love in general in which I have discussed above, that is, love is a union of lovers or a husband and a wife which both of them share their mutual interaction, affection, emotion, care, concern, and responsibility.

After discussing some definitions of love according to Fromm and Schulz's ideas, I will use them in analyzing the topic of broken marriage in chapter three. When I analyze about love in their marriage life, I would like to see whether Edward and Lavinia really love each other or not because they have love affairs. Also, I will find the proofs whether they share their mutual knowledge, care, emotion, respect, and responsibility or not.

II.2.2 The Concept of Marriage

There are many ways of expressing love, such as through a marriage. “Marriage is joining together a man and a woman sexually and emotionally. By marriage, a couple can share their feeling equally and freely” (Lerner 13). From Malinowski’s comment on the definition of marriage above, it is clearly seen that marriage is loving and sharing together, not just living together. On the contrary, nowadays, the meaning of marriage is just the joining together between a man and a woman to be a husband and a wife in sexual way to have a child for one of the purposes of marriage is procreation (Held 247). However, there is an important thing to be considered in a marriage that is emotional concern. It means that a husband and a wife have a good relationship during their marriage life. They share their feeling freely and equally. Freely means that both a husband and a wife can share their problem without having a feeling of rejection and ignorance. Equally means that both a husband and a wife can have time to share their problems (Held 248).

Nevertheless, marriage with poor communication can cause marital problem. In Communication: Key To Your Marriage, H. Norman Wright tries to define communication since there are lots of definitions: “communication is a process to share information with other person so the person could understand the meaning. Talking, listening, and understanding are the components in the process of communication” (67). One of the main problem in communication is misunderstanding. It is difficult to understand what is said by each spouse, and sometimes, what is heard is not the real meaning. Therefore, communication is

necessary in a marriage life in order to make the similar meaning or perception for husband and wife, so misunderstanding can be reduced. Related to misunderstanding, many marriage problems are the result of a lack of mutual understanding because it is easy to reject and resent people because of misunderstanding. Couples have never learned to accept each other for what they are. Husbands become impatient with wives, and wives become annoyed with husbands, so it is easy for them to say “I don’t love you anymore.” The marriage becomes a miserable existence (Narramore 138). As a result, love affair in a marriage often happens because they try to search for another person who can understand and give them happiness.

Having love affairs outside a marriage has happened thousand years ago, and it is called infidelity in marriage. Petersen, in a translated book which titled Setia Dalam Pernikahan, said that love affair is a sign that a husband or a wife needs help, an effort to rebalance a sexual relationship between a husband and a wife, a warning that one of them is suffering. Every marital problem has cause and effect; thus, Petersen also explains infidelity in a marriage is caused by four factors : immature emotion, unfinished conflicts, unfulfilled needs and hopes (9).

First, some husbands or wives are influenced by their teenagers era. Teen ages is considered as great times because this transition period is signed by immaturity, rebellion, concern on his or her own interest and doing experiments. Despite the fact that a husband or a wife is old, some of them have immature emotion, thinking that they are still teenagers; thus, their behavior and action remind them back to their teen ages. Every person should measure his or her own emotional

maturity level. The love affair would not happen automatically from a bad marriage, but from the development of one's maturity (11-13).

Second, every person cannot avoid conflicts in their life, even in a marriage, conflicts cannot be avoided. The conflicts could be about job, money or children. Each spouse has different personality and dream when they get married. Later, one of them could force his or her will to the other, or one maintains his or her own way. If they cannot show their great love to cover the weaknesses and accept the strengths, separation will be the final solution (14-19).

Third, every husband or a wife has different needs, and they often complain to each other because their needs cannot be fulfilled by the partner. If it goes on like that continuously without any change, it will cause love affair because another man or woman can fulfill their needs. Marriage is a relationship of needing; thus, there are five basic needs in a marriage which have to be fulfilled by husband-wife (21-26).

Fourth, each man and woman may have different point of view about marriage before they get married. The problem is that they are, sometimes, obsessed with their hopes; therefore, when they get married and find the differences from their first hopes, they get shocked. They always compare the present time with their dreams. When their hopes do not match with the reality, and they cannot find the way out, quarrel will often happen. Hence, they will find their hopes in love affair when another man or woman can match their hopes (27-31).

Through this concept of infidelity marriage, I would like to take the third cause, that is unfulfilled needs, because it is more suitable than the others in order

to support my analysis about the causes of broken marriage. The main characters experience unfulfilled needs which makes them fight. The cause of unfulfilled needs consists of five basic needs, namely, the need of concern, being accepted, romantic love, being admired, and various activity.

First, concern is needed in husband-wife relationship. It does not matter how long they have been married as long as they can provide concern or care to each other. A husband can show his concern to his wife by giving attention to her performance, food, how she arranges the house. A wife shows her concern through his job, activities, hobby or his leisure time (21).

Second, there is the need for accepted by others. Everyone has the basic need to be accepted according to his or her point of view. Whatever effort which is done in order to change a husband to be like what the wife wants is, actually, her arrogance, showing too much pride in oneself and too little consideration for others, and an insult for the husband. It causes separation, anger and loneliness. Moreover, it can make the husband finds another woman who can accept him for what he is (22).

Third, husband-wife need romantic love in order to maintain their marriage life. Lots of young couple have romantic love in the early of their marriage, such as touching, holding, hugging and kissing. Then, as time goes by, the romantic love begins to disappear in the marriage life. Therefore, husband-wife have to maintain their romantic love until they get old (23).

Fourth, being admired is also the basic need for both husband and wife. It makes them enjoy their life, grow confidence, and to be loyal to each other. A

husband can admire his wife through her performance, creativity, kind-hearted and her role as a wife and mother. On the other hand, a husband can be admired by his wife because of his role as a husband and a father, his performance, capability in job, sense of humor, and his power as man (24-25).

Fifth, there is the need of various activity. Lots of broken marriage are caused by husband-wife become bored of monotonous daily routine. They do not have dinner or go picnic together anymore. Everyday, the activity is just about going to work in the morning, going home after work, watching TV, and then going to bed (26). Related to those five basic needs in a marriage, I will use them to analyze Edward and Lavinia's needs whether their needs are fulfilled by each other or not, or only some of them are fulfilled.

In conclusion, a marriage is not just living together a man and a woman, but there is emotional concern between them which makes them sharing their feeling freely and equally. However, infidelity in a marriage may happen because of unfulfilled needs as one of the factors. Husband and wife are not aware of what each other's needs, and they just ignore them yet their needs are important. Thus, both husband and wife have love affairs outside their marriage.