

## **CHAPTER III**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This chapter is about methodology of the research which consists of research design, the subject of the research, data collection and data analysis, focus of the research, and steps of the research.

#### **3.1 Research Design**

This research applies a qualitative approach with descriptive method. Best (1979: 166) explains that the descriptive method describes and interprets what conditions of relation that exists, opinions that are held, processes that are going on, effects that are evident or trends that are developing.

The research describes the issue of hybridity construction and the causal factors in the main character, which are geared to answering the research questions. The data for this research are in the form of textual evidences found in the novel. The collected data are analyzed using postcolonial theory.

#### **3.2 The Subject of the Research**

The subject of this research is the novel entitled “Child of The Jungle” by Sabine Kuegler, a German writer. The novel is originally published in German in 2005 as *Dschungelkind*. In 2007, it was translated into English and published by Warner Books (US) as *Child of the Jungle*. The novel consists of forty-five chapters and mainly narrates the life of a girl that was caught between two worlds, modern and primitive. It also tells

about how the cultural identity of the main character changes and is constructed during her childhood and adolescence.

### **3.3 Data Collection and Data Analysis**

Since the data for this research are in the form of textual evidences, close reading strategy has been used as the main data collection technique to get the textual evidence for the analysis. The textual evidence is identified and classified into tables of construction of hybridity in the main character and the causal factors. The classified data then are analyzed using the framework of postcolonial perspective covering the issue of hybridity. Related references are also used to shed the light on the research questions of the research.

### **3.4 Focus of the Research**

In this paper, the writer analyzes the issue of hybridity, which means the deconstruction of two or more different cultures in order to create new identity. The form of hybridity is divided into several types; however, the research only focuses on the cultural hybridity, which invokes the possibility of uncertain identities and national division.

This research also investigates the construction of hybridity and the contributing factors that were represented by the main character. The hybridity construction in this research can be understood as the effect of cultural assimilation and adaptation.

### **3.5 Steps of the Analysis**

In analyzing the novel, the writer applies the following steps:

1. Searching for the subject of the analysis. The writer then decided the novel entitled “Child of the Jungle” by Sabine Kuegler as the subject of the study.
2. Reading the novel closely to get comprehensive understanding and then deciding the problems which become the focus of the study.
3. Identifying the issue and deciding the theory as a tool for the analysis. The writer used postcolonial theory, especially the hybridity models as a framework in analyzing the novel. This theory deconstructs the position discourse in the related matter, particularly the binary opposition where the world is divided into two different parts, such as the west and the rest or modern and primitive civilization.
4. Collecting the data through classifying the construction of hybridity and its factors from the textual evidence found in the novel.
5. Analyzing the data. The analysis is conducted to understand the collected data and to answer the research questions.
6. Concluding the analysis. This is the last step that showed the result of the research. The findings of the research are then concluded.