

## CHAPTER III

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Method of the Research

This study observed and analyzed short stories. The form of the study was conducted through qualitative case study research. Fraenkel & Waller (1993) state that qualitative research focuses on specific situations or people and it emphasizes on words rather than numbers. It means that the data presentation gained in this research was described descriptively. This study could be categorized into a qualitative case study because it dealt with a single phenomenon or knowledge. This is relevant to the characteristics of a case study, as stated by Merriam (1988, p.16) in Nunan (1992, p.77) that qualitative case study could be defined as an intensive, holistic and analysis of a single entity, phenomenon or social unit that is the manifestation of love in husband and wife relations presented in the short stories.

Case study is used to investigate a contemporary within its real life context (Yin, 2002). As Johnson (1992) states that the purpose of a case study is to describe the case in its context. Guided by research question, a researcher studies the case and those aspects of the environment that pertain to that case that shed light on the research question (p.76). This kind of research as Travers (2001) suggests is a type of a case study.

The instrument of this research covers the list of textual evidences. This research was also conducted to find out the answer of research question; to find

out how the texts construct the manifestation of love in the husband and wife relation and to see the relationship between man and woman in the stories.

### **3.2 Research Procedure**

In analyzing the subject of the research, that are the short stories by Edith Wharton, feminist literary criticism which focused on existentialist feminism was used as the tool of analysis. In carrying out the research, several stages are taken.

First, the writer determines the subjects of the research that are the short stories. Undertaking library research is also important in conducting this study, for the writer is able to search, collect and comprehend the references related to the study. Then, the short stories is read repeatedly and thoroughly to gain comprehensive understanding. The writer may decide the main issue of the study and formulate research question. Some textual evidences are chosen to answer the research question. Afterwards, those textual evidences is classified and categorized in the form of tables according to each point analysis. Finally, the writer analyzes and interprets the collected data by using existentialist feminism until conclusions and suggestions based on the findings of the research are revealed.

### **3.5 Technique of Data Analysis**

Existentialist Feminism which is derived from the school of thought of Simone de Beauvoir is employed as the framework to analyze the data in this research. Findings that related to the research questions are connected to other resources from which the inferences are taken.

In identifying the characters in the stories, the writer investigates women's role as a wife and men's role as the husband in the marriage. Then, the writer identifies the wife's view and the husband's view about marriage that can be seen from the wife's attitude towards her husband and vice versa. The writer also sees the relationship between man and woman in husband and wife relation that is presented in the stories. This will help to know manifestation of love carried by two individual in the marriage.

Afterwards, the findings in the form of textual evidences are analyzed by using feminist literary criticism which would be focused on existentialist feminism. The result of the analysis is discussed in the next chapter along with the interpretation of the data.

