

## CHAPTER 3

### METHODS OF THE STUDY

This chapter discusses the way the study is conducted. It also deals with the research method, research procedure, research subject, and techniques of data collection and data analysis.

#### 3.1 Method of Research

The study employs a case study that is conducted through a descriptive textual analysis on a novel. A case study is “a method involving systematically gathering enough information about a particular person, social setting, event, or group to permit the researcher to effectively understand how the subject operates or functions” (Berg, 2007, p.283). In this study, a case study is selected for some reasons; besides of its ability to give an in-depth understanding of a particular phenomenon or event for its focus on one single phenomenon or just a few of phenomena, case study is also theory-grounded in nature, meaning that the theory building from case study is likely to produce theory. Furthermore, because of the close connection between theory and data, it is likely that the theory can be tested and expanded by subsequent studies (Ibid: 285, 286).

Further, Shaughnessy & Zechmeister (1999) proposes some benefits and strengths of case studies. First, in terms of generating theory (grounded theory), the theory emerged from case studies is likely to produce theory and it is

testable with the already measured conceptions and hypothesis. Moreover, the theory resulted is likely to be empirically valid. Second, scientifically, the benefit of the case study method is in its ability to open the way for discoveries. Third, case study methods are equal in terms of objectivity with other methods. It is because case studies require the researchers to find out clearly what areas have been investigated and through what means so that the repeatability of the results can be tested by subsequent research. Last, case studies will not only fit certain individual or situation or event but also provide general understanding about similar individuals, situations and events.

According to Sugihastuti and Suharto (2002), the qualitative data are descriptive in nature, meaning that the data describe the status and the role of two main characters in the context of family, society, and work life.

### **3.2 The Stages of the Research**

In conducting the research, the following stages were taken:

- a. Determining the subjects of the research that is the novel;
- b. Deciding the main issue of the research;
- c. Formulating research questions;
- d. Reviewing the literature;
- e. Undertaking library research by searching out, collecting and comprehending the references related to the research questions;

- f. Reading repeatedly and thoroughly the novel in order to arrive at a comprehensive understanding;
- g. Taking notes of textual evidence;
- h. Analyzing the intrinsic elements of the novel which focus on theme, character and characterization;
- i. Analyzing the data related to nationalism issue;
- j. Considering the meaning of the findings;
- k. Drawing conclusions and giving suggestions.

### **3.3 The Context of the Research**

The subject of this study is a novel "Nagabonar Jadi 2" by Akmal Nasery Basral. This novel is written based on the movie with the same title. The setting of the novel is in the postcolonial or after Indonesia got its independence. There are two different generations who have different perception toward nationalism in the novel, which are Nagabonar and Bonaga. The two characters come from different era, before and after the Independence Day.

### **3.4 Technique of Data Collection**

The data for this study was taken from the textual evidence found in the texts. To arrive at this, close reading strategy was conducted in which the texts are read thoroughly and carefully for an in-depth analysis. The events that are related to the issue of nationalism, particularly the expressions of nationalism

that are shown by the two main characters were chosen. Then these events were classified and assessed in relation to the study. The novel as the documents of this study is the main source from which the data in answering the proposed questioned will be derived.

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

The data were analyzed based on post colonial perspective focused on nationalism aspect.

The first thing that was analyzed is the themes and characters of the novel. The analysis of the two elements was employed to gain the valid information about the novel. Then, the analysis was focused on the expression of nationalism shown by the two main characters.

After analyzing all the textual evidence collected from the text, the evidence was revealed to find the different expressions of nationalism shown by the two main characters. Finally, the findings were analyzed based on post colonial perspective focused on nationalism aspect.