CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Of Study

Man is a social creature, he can not live by himself. According to Hossain, F.M.A. and Ali, man has to live in society for his existence and welfare. In almost all aspect of his life he feels the need of society. Biologically and psychologically he is compelled to live in society. Because a complete isolated life is unbearable for him and he can not develop into a normal individual in isolation. The essence of the fact is that man has always belonged to a society of some sort, without which he can not exist at all. Society fulfills all his needs and provides security to him. He took birth, grows, live and die in society. Without society his life is just like fish out of water (131). Elements of a community. Smaller communities of human is friends and friendship.

De Vries in Definitions Of Friendship In The Third Age: Age, Gender, And Study Location Effects, a person said to be the best friend appreciating someone with loyalty, trust, and have the same pleasure (qtd in Fauziah Nurul 84). Meanwhile, De Vito in The Interpersonal Communication Book (97). interpreted the friendship as the interpersonal relationship between two people mutually generating positive characteristics and having mutual respect. Based on a number of the definitions, it can be concluded that friendship is the close
relationship with someone who appreciates the loyalty, trustworthiness, and has the same pleasure.

Friendship becomes theme or issues in many literary. Literature plays an important role in the life of society. Literature is a way to realize a thought, experience, and human feelings in various dimensions of life. According to Bannet and Royle (35) literature is the kind of writing which most persistently and provocatively engages with the uncanny aspects of experience, thought and feeling. Wherea, Wellek and Werren (15) said that literature is the art of written works. Because literature use typical language literature which is different with colloquial language or the language of science.

John Peck and Martin Coyle in Literary Terms and Criticism (102) said that literature has genre. Genre means a type or class of literature, it is known as poetry, drama and the novel, different from earlier times the major genre recognized as epic, tragedy, lyric, comedy and satire. Novels are all about human condition or people in society. Writers have always been interested in term of human life, the development of the novel reflects a view of life towards a new interest in the complexities of everyday experience. Most novels are concerned with ordinary people and the problems in societies in which they find themselves.

A novel usually begins with a description of a place or a character. A characters introduced at the beginning of a novel will usually come into collision with society. Along the story, the characters will be faced with conflict,
confrontation, and problematic situations, which usually come from their own family or society (John Peck and Martin Coyle, 110).

We must analyze literary to understand literary work, because literary work is a complex structure. According to Pradopo analysis is one of medium to interpretation (2008: 93).

One of literary works that will analyze the researcher is *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner. Because the theme of *The Scorch Trials* is friendship. *The Scorch Trials* is novel by James Dashner and the second book in the *Maze Runner Saga*. It is preceded by *The Maze Runner*, and followed by *The Death Cure*, then by *The Kill Order*, and finally *The Fever Code*.

According to the researcher, *The Scorch Trials* is interesting to study, because in this work James Dashner shows how important a good companions, and teach about caring for a companions. In *The Scorch trials* the author shows a lot of things that should be owned by companions, such as protecting companions, keeping, helping, and loving companions. Thomas is the main character in this novel, and he is a good friend to his companions. His character is not much different from prophet’s companion. Thomas is a friend who really cares of his friends, he keeps his friend as keeping himself. The researcher chooses Thomas to become the object of this analysis, because Thomas is the main character and he has a very high concern than others.

Based on the explanation above the researcher would discuss about how characteristic of prophet’s companions reflected by Thomas as main character in *The Scorch Trials*. 
1.2 Research Question

1. How is Thomas described in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner?

2. How is Thomas relationship with his companions in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner?

1.3 Objective Of The Study

1. To describe Thomas characterization in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.

2. To describe Thomas relationship with his companions in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.

1.4 Scope and Limitation of the Study

In order to keep the study straight in the expected field, a limitation of the analysis is required. Focus in this research is characteristic of main character, Thomas. Researcher will analyze characteristic of Thomas in *The Scorch Trials* seen in the relation of friendship. Researcher chooses Thomas to analyze, because according to writer character of Thomas is main character that become example to many people in caring to friends. In this research writer will use new criticism theory to analyze.
1.5 The Significance of The Study

This paper has both practical and theoretical significance. Practically, for the student, this paper can be used as reference for the study which analyzes the same topic. For the lecturer, this paper can be the mediator and reference in giving the case of new criticism. Theoretically, this study contributes new criticism theory in literary analysis. It can also be used as the study of intrinsic elements.

1.5 Method of the Study

Based on research question and significance of study above, I use descriptive method, which is analyzing the relation among words or sentences that produces particular meaning. Since the study focuses on literary work particularly a novel, qualitative research is considered as the applicable theory in conducting the research.

This research is library based. Therefore, I use some books including the novel itself, as the primary data.

The writer uses descriptive qualitative method as the following:

1. Research Object

The object is the main character “Thomas” in novel *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.
2. Data Source

The writer divided the sources into primary source and secondary source.

a. Primary Data Source.

The primary source is the main data that gives major part to data collector directly. The data taken from novel that will analyze with researcher, *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.

b. Secondary Data Source.

The secondary source which is used to support and complete the primary data. The data is taken from many kinds of books and relevant materials such as books of literature theory. The data is also taken from internet website.

3. Technique Of Collecting Data


b. Collecting references relevant to the analysis of the novel.

c. Identifying the characteristic of Thomas in the novel.

4. Technique To Analyze Data

The step of the data analysis

a. Codification.

b. Interpreting the data.

c. Concluding to answer the statement of problem.
1.6 Key Terms

1. Characteristic: Being feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing

2. Friendship: A relationship of mutual affection between two or more people
http://www.oxforddictionary.com/friendship