CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

3.1. Object of the Study

The novel analyzes Charles Dickens’s *Great Expectations* that is first published in 1861, is printed in New York Toronto by Rinehart V Co, Inc. The novel is used in this study is published by Penguin Books in 1994. The book has 443 pages and consists of fifty-eight chapters, with a prologue at the beginning. *Great Expectations* is written in 1860’s during the early Victorian era. In this book Dickens suggests his idea about the England society during early 19th century. *Great Expectations* is regarded by many as Dickens’ greatest novel. In *Great Expectations*, Dickens not only presents Pip’s character development, but also criticizes the social condition happening in that era, especially on social class matter.

In brief, my object of the study is the novel *Great Expectation*. Here, the study focuses on plot of the story and Pip’s characteristics. Then I will relate both of the elements to find out George’s character development through plot.

3.2. Approach of the Study

In analyzing this novel, I will apply the formalistic approach. According to Guerin, formalistic approach has for its single object, the
discovery and the explanation of form in the literary work. This approach explains the elements of the work itself; it does not include the relative unimportance of extra literary considerations, such as author’s life; his time, sociological, political, economic, or psychological implication. (1979: 70).

Elements in fiction cannot stand on its own; they make a unity to arrange a good story. The elements of the work itself mean intrinsic nature of a literary work; they are character, plot, setting, point of view, and theme.

Hence, this approach is definitely appropriate with what I am going to do in this study. In this analysis, I will use the significant *Great Expectations* elements that are plot and characteristics to find out Pip’s character development. Both of the elements will help me to find Pip’s character development.

### 3.3. Methods of the Study

I read some novels and decide to choose *Great Expectations* as the novel that will be analyzed. After that, I determine the topic and search some theories that appropriate with the topic to support my analysis. Later on, I formulate problem formulations, which are what are the events and conflicts experienced by Pip that make plot and Pip’s character developments through plot.

There are several steps that taken in the research. The first step is I will find the events and conflicts experienced by Pip in each stage of plot. According to Pickering, plot is arranged of five stages that are exposition,
rising action, climax or crisis, falling action, and resolution. Plot is arrangement of carefully, causally connected event that contains conflict (Kelley, 1982:26). So, some events and conflicts experienced by Pip must indicate his characteristics.

The second step I will make list based on Pip’s characteristics in each section of plot. This step is helped by Roberts and Jacobs theory. I will reveal Pip’s characteristics by what does him say and think, what he does, and by what other character and author say about him.

The third step I will classify Pip’s character development which experience development and do not experience it.

The last step I will make conclusion based on the all data that I have found in my analysis.