

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the writer tries to draw some conclusions of all the analyses in Chapter IV. After the conclusions, the writer also provides suggestions for the following researchers, who are interested in studying literature, especially novel.

5.1 Conclusion

By learning literature, the readers can know the picture that is actually true about life in this world. Besides, the reader can also learn the important issues of life. When reading the literary work, the readers can feel in the situation of the story.

The writer chooses novel to learn the important issues of life told by the author. The writer also analyzes the novel for his study to get knowledge. From analyzing novel, the writer learns more about various characters throughout the story. From the characters, the writer learns about their behaviors and personalities.

In *Of Mice and Men*, the writer finds out that the main character is a mentally retarded man. The character is Lennie Small. The writer also analyzes the other characters in the novel. The writer applies intrinsic approach and characterization analysis to analyze the characters.

With reference of the statement of the problem, about the level of mental retardation, there are four levels of mental retardation. The first level is mild mental retardation. The second is moderate mental retardation. The third is severe mental retardation. The last level is profound mental retardation.

Based on the analysis, the writer concludes that Lennie Small, one of the major characters in *Of Mice and Men*, belongs to moderate mental retardation because the

character's communication skill is still good, he can travel alone in familiar places without supervision; although his actions are like child.

Although Lennie is known as a mentally retarded person, he can still do some ways to cope with other people because he does not want to be treated badly in society. He really knows what he should do to cope with other people.

From the novel, especially Lennie, the writer gets important values. The first thing is being a normal person is supposed not to suppress a weak person. The second one is that a mentally retarded should try to do some ways to cope with others.

5.2 Suggestion

Concerning the learning of literature, the writer suggests that learning literature, especially novel, should be done by understanding it the same as learning life. It is because novel concerns a lot with human life and their problems.

The conclusion of this study reveals that in this world, there are still the other mental-retarded persons, who need help. In this case, the writer suggests that people should give special attention to the mental-retarded persons.

After analyzing the characters in the novel, the writer suggests that the following readers can analyze the characters through the personality state of the characters, the actions of the characters, the utterances of the characters, and what the author says about the characters. Thus, the reader should analyze the

characters carefully in order to get the characteristics of each character.

In this thesis, the writer contributes knowledge about mental retardation for the following readers, especially the characteristics of each level of mental retarded person. By studying this, the writer suggests the readers can deal with a person who suffers from mental retardation.

After studying John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, the writer would like to suggest the students of the English Department and the others to read the novel. The novel reveals life's various aspects, and thus, the students and the others can learn them from the novel.

For the further literary research, the writer suggests to the other students to analyze novel not only focus on the statement of the problem but also all of the elements of novel, such as: plot, setting, conflict, and theme. By analyzing all of the elements of novel, the writer hopes that the readers can learn the message that the author wants to say from the novel. Hopefully, this thesis will benefit to the other readers to learn about levels of mental retardation and its characteristics.

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