

Chapter V

Conclusion and Suggestion

5.1 Conclusion

This study is conducted to find self-actualization and obstacles faces by the main characters in Fitzgerald's short stories using Maslow's hierarchy of needs theory. Based on the findings, all of the main characters are self-actualized. According to Maslow (1970), every human reaches the self-actualization stage through their own way. That is why it can be said they are self-actualized from qualified in the characteristics of self-actualized people.

The finding also shows the obstacles that each of main character had to face in fulfilling their needs: Jim Powell had to face himself, Perry had to face his fiancée, John had to face his current condition, and Benjamin had to face the treatment of other people.

Although, the obstacle halted their actions, they managed to overcome it all as long as, they have been motivated by something to change.

5.2 Suggestions

As the writer limits her study only to find self-actualization and obstacles faced by the main characters in Fitzgerald's short stories, the writer hopes that:

- Other researchers can conduct related study in analyzing the characters further. Moreover, the short stories can be interesting to be studied about the characters and life in 1920.
- Students could learn how the main characters of the stories achieve their goal and overcome the obstacles they faced and implement it on real-life situation.

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