

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the writer is going to discuss about conclusion and suggestion after having analyzed the literary work. The first part deals with the conclusion while the second part deals with the suggestion.

5.1. Conclusion

After having analyzed the short story by W.S. Maugham which entitled "*The Colonel's Lady*" to answer the problem statement stated in chapter I, the writer gets two main reasons why the Colonel was too proud and could not accept and admit his wife's love affair.

The first reason why the Colonel was too proud to admit his wife's love affair was because he did not want to lose his social status which he had built for a long time. In front of other people's eyes he was a kind man and generous who was willing to help poor and sick people without asking anything in return. He was a member of some high class clubs and associations where he had so many noble friends which made him so much prouder than before. His wife, Eva, was also popular for her charity and soft-hearted manner. She often tended the sick and gave attention and helped to supply the need of the poor people in her state. She was so much adored by the village people that she became a pattern for other wives. In other

words, the Colonel and his wife's marriage was a symbol of happy family and deserved to get high status in the society. That's why when his wife published a poetry book that indicated her love affair with another guy, he could not accept and admit it because it threatened their noble status. The Colonel did not care about his wife's feeling towards the guy but the only objection came from him was why his wife should have written a book that told their story. Eva's action was as same with declared to the world that she and his husband were not as good as other people thought they were. The Colonel pretended that he and his wife's marriage was fine and under control. This was the first reason why the Colonel could not admit his wife's love affair.

The second reason why the Colonel was too proud to admit his wife's love affair was because he thought that it was unacceptable for women, according to society's rules and norms, having an affair outside their legal marriage. The Colonel himself did not want to blame him for having an affair much often than his wife did because he thought that every man had a right for it. He thought that every wife should take care of the house, the husband and the children without having a thought to have an affair. Even though the Colonel and his wife did not love each other and he often met another girl to spend his time with, but he kept thinking that his wife should not have done something awful that only men could.

5.2 Suggestion

In this suggestion's part, the writer would like to suggest some points to the readers, the University and the other students who want to make an analysis on literary works just like what the writer has done.

For the readers, the writer is suggesting that they should read any literary works with a broad mind because these works are artistic where they do not have single meaning. Different readers will get different meanings when they read literature, depending on how they understand the meaning of those works.

For the University, the writer is suggesting that the dean should add more courses and seminars on literature where the students can explore their sense of this life because a literary work might contains and discusses many human values. Moreover, the students can exercise their English by studying the language of literary works.

For other students who want to make an analysis on the literature, the writer is suggesting that they should master the theories of literature because without understanding those theories they will get difficulties in analyzing the works. Besides, they also should read many books of literature so they can get more knowledge about literature. If they want to analyze the same work as the writer did, they can explore what motives that drove Evie to have love affair with younger man, or what unrevealed conflict happened between the Colonel and his wife.

For a husband or a wife who wants to persevere their marriage from any forbidden love affair outside their marriage, they should have three things in their

marriage. Those are love, loyalty and trust each other. By keeping those three things in their marriage life, they can have a long-lasting marriage.

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