

Chapter V

Conclusions and Suggestions

5.1. Conclusions

Literacy in many forms contain moral values and messages which can be useful for the readers about certain problems. Racism is a main topic after some events which offend some groups. This is why Solomon Northup wrote his autobiography to encourage people to respect each other and all people with different skins, religions, and more are the same human beings.

As racism topic, the writer found some racial acts from racist characters. Most of them acted to African-Americans. They usually were got as uneducated people, so that they were easily kidnapped and sold into slavery. Some racist characters were mostly from Southern. As analyzed in the previous chapter, Southern America still practiced slavery while the Northern America was not practiced anymore and any races there were equal.

The slaves at that time usually got threatened by their masters although there was a kind master such as William Ford who always helped Solomon. The masters from plantations liked to whip and punish harshly the slaves to make them disciplined, sometimes just as pleasure such Edwin Epps did.

It concludes that racist has a great impact on society. Some people can follow to do racist as someone did. The culture of Southerners can affect the people who live Southern America. Solomon Northup and other slave narrative writers reflect the readers that living as minorities are difficult unless the majorities can tolerate them in harmony.

5.2. Suggestions

5.2.1. Suggestion for Students Learning English Literature through Novels

Many students like to learn English through literatures. It is entertaining and can develop comprehension of language. The students can also analyze moral value and the topic inside the literature. The writer hopes that the readers are able to think critically through literature.

5.2.2. Suggestion for Further Researchers

This research has many weaknesses because the limit of the writer. For further research, the writer hopes that the researchers will find out racism on victims' perspective. Besides that, the slavery culture in America history could be analyzed on this Solomon Northup's "12 Years a Slave".

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