

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

Literature is a magnificent written art which reveals imagination and ideas of the writers. Generally, those imagination and ideas are used to analyzing a literary work. In this research, the writer analyzes a drama. The drama entitled *The Cherry Orchard* written by Anton Chekhov is chosen as the primary data. *The Cherry Orchard* contains some lessons about capitalism which occurs in social life. Moreover, it can be concluded that capitalism truly gives some effects toward social and economic life of a person.

There are two problems in this research. The first and the second problem are analyzed using theory of marxism, capitalism, followed by theory of social class which consists of theory of the bourgeoisie and the proletariat and the last one is theory of class struggle. There are two approaches are used in order to analyze this research. They are sociological approach and moral philosophical approach. Moreover, library research is used as a method of collecting the data. Furthermore, the play entitled *The Cherry Orchard* is analyzed by using descriptive research.

The first problem discusses Lopakhin's capitalist points of view dealing with social class and class struggle in Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*. A capitalist is an individual who has capital, a person of great wealth, and usually a capitalist owns a business place and employs some people to work for him in

order to establish his business. Lopakhin's points of view as a capitalist in *The Cherry Orchard* show some of his purposes. First, he wants to be respected. All he wants is to be respected by other people around him. Undeniably, he is son of a serf. People underestimate him that he cannot escape from his fate and become a slave like his ancestors. However, after all of his struggle he can rise up and upgrade his social status. He proves that he is different from his ancestors. He is now a wealthy merchant and people will not look down upon him anymore. Second, his purpose is to enlarge his business places. He is a wealthy merchant but that is not enough for him. In this play, at the first time Lopakhin tries to help Ranevskaya by giving her some suggestions and plans in order to save her estate. Unfortunately, she refuses Lopakhin's ideas. Consequently, Lopakhin buys Ranevskaya's land at the auction and chops down the entire cherry orchard to the ground in order to build a summer holiday cottage. He knows how to maintain and upgrade his wealth. Hence, by building a summer holiday cottage in that land, it will grant a new income for him and make him a great capitalist in that era. Therefore, Lopakhin's wealth leads him to have a great personal success financially. However, by having abundant wealth, he should not forget the important aspect of humanity, such as love and friendship.

The second problem discusses the effects of capitalism toward Lopakhin, Ranevskaya, and Ranevskaya's brother, Gaev. The effects of capitalism toward one character to another are different. There are positive effects and some are negatives. Luckily, Lopakhin earns some of positive effects of capitalism. Capitalism leads him into a better place financially. Automatically, it gives him an

access to gain a better life and upgrades his social status from a slave into a wealthy merchant, as a bourgeoisie in society. Meanwhile, capitalism gives several negative effects to Ranevskaya and her brother Gaev. At the end of the story, both of them sustain a heavy burden that they must leave from their own estate. The most shocking moment is when they find out the one who has bought their land is Lopakhin, son of a serf who had ever served their family long time ago. Therefore, it is important to note that people need to accept the consequences and should be ready for what happens in their lives in the present and future.

Finally, through this research the writer learns that capitalism gives both beneficial and unbeneficial effects. It depends on a person, how he or she can adapt the condition in capitalism era. Furthermore, Lopakhin's struggle is a good example for people especially in a lower class. It shows that if people struggle long enough, work so hard and do not give up easily, they can always catch their dreams and gain better lives. Moreover, it is very crucial to note that people need to listen, respect and appreciate opinions and suggestions from others because sometimes it can be useful for their lives.

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