

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

The writer analyzes the novel entitled *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton. *Ethan Frome* published by Charles Scribner's Sons in New York by the year of 1970. The analysis is described clearly in this thesis, entitled *The Effects of Incompatibilities between Dreams and Individual Responsibilities in Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome*. The writer has two problem statements to be analyzed. Firstly, analyzing the incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities; and secondly, the effect of incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities.

To answer of the first problem, the writer determines and explains the incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities in Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome*. The theories of dream and individual responsibility are used to analyze the first problem statement. The writer also uses psychological approach as the basic study of the characters in the incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibility.

Furthermore, to answer the second problem, the writer finds out and describes the effect of the incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities in Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome*. The writer uses sociological approach as the study of the effect of the incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities. The theories of character and effect also are used to analyze the second problem statement.

The writer applies the library research including internet browsing in collecting the data. The data collecting is in the form of words, phrase, clauses, and discourse that refer to dreams and individual responsibilities in *Ethan Frome's* character in Edith Wharton.

There are three incompatibilities between dreams and individual responsibilities on the main character of Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome*. They are incompatibilities between his dream to become an engineer and his responsibility to take care of his parents, incompatibilities between his dream to live in town and his responsibility to live in isolated farm, and incompatibilities between his dream to run away with his lover and his responsibility for living with his wife. All the incompatibilities in Ethan's life give effects they are frustration, loneliness, and suicide attempt.

Frustration in Ethan's life can be seen when Ethan's wish to become an engineer must be vanished because of the need to take care of his parents and the farm. Ethan's marriage to Zeena makes him frustrated because her hypochondria and childless. Ethan is frustrated with his life in Starkfield and his inability to express his love to Zeena's cousin, Mattie. Ethan's frustrate when he become crippled as the result of their unsuccessful to commit suicide. Moreover, Zeena and Mattie also experience frustration. It can be seen when Ethan's plan to start a new life in a town must be canceled. Zeena starts to get sick. Besides, Mattie also frustrated when Ethan realizes that there is no way out to go to the West. Mattie tries to influence Ethan to commit suicide with her by crashing their sled to the big elm tree.

Loneliness is describe of someone's condition that the absences of the others or lacking few social contacts that caused by living in an isolated farmhouse, Loneliness in Ethan's life can be seen when Ethan living far away from relatives and friends. Ethan never talking to his mother and his wife become sick and silent.

The effect of incompatibilities on the climax is suicide attempt. Mattie tries to influence Ethan with her idea to commit suicide by crashing their sled to the big elm tree as if it looks like an accidental death instead of suicide. Unfortunately, his suicide attempt is unsuccessful.

The unsuccessful result of his suicide attempt makes Ethan feel that he is destined to stay in Starkfield forever with the two women who entrust their fate to him. The hard impulsions as the poor man makes him struggle himself to earn money to fulfill his family's necessity. Moreover, the harsh environment of winter in Starkfield has buried his dreams, emotions, and his spirit of life. He looks as if he was dead and in hell now. Perhaps only the death will save their suffering.

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