

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The objectives of this study are to (1) to describe the condition of the witch trial hysteria as reflected in *The Crucible* and (2) to elaborate the effects of the witch trial on the main characters in *The Crucible*. The data corpus consists of all words, phrases, and sentences which are related to the condition of the witch trial hysteria as the effects of it. They are in the form of dialogues or narrative. In data collection, the library research including internet browsing is done. Psycho-social approach is used in this research. The study uses sociological approach as a study of society and social atmosphere for understanding the culture, especially puritan culture that is against the witchcraft happening in Salem. While, psychological approach is used in this study to focus on the spiritual problem.

The condition of witch trial hysteria in *The Crucible* is the court arrests people who are accused of being witches and judges them guilty, eventhough they are innocent. The control of the trial is organized by the judge and certain members of community.

The effects of the witch trial on the main characters are on Abigail, on John Proctor, and Elizabeth. The effect of the witch trial on Abigail is

that she uses the witch trial to get her ambition and to take revenge. It causes John Proctor and many people to be hanged. The effect of the witch trial on John Proctor is he uses the witch trial to save the innocent people by sacrificing himself. The effect of the witch trial on Elizabeth is she uses the witch trial to save her importance by being hypocrite.

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