

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study is to (1) elaborate the causes of Rebecca's materialism, and (2) analyze the effects of on Rebecca's materialism toward her life. The research method used in this thesis is descriptive method because it intends to describe the character and the idea of the materialism in the novel *Vanity Fair* by William M. Thackeray. Library research including internet browsing is done to find the related studies. The conceptual models of the related studies are formulated to find the data in the novel. The data consist of ideas related to Rebecca's materialism in the novel. The data are analyzed descriptively using psychological approach.

There are several causes that make Rebecca becomes a materialistic woman in her life. The causes of Rebecca's materialism are bad treatment toward the poor and jealousy toward the rich. Rebecca suffers when she gets different treatment in Chiswick Mall. The owner of Chiswick Mall, Miss Pinkerton, treats her differently compared with other mistresses because only an orphan girl. The different condition burns Rebecca's ambition to possess the wealth whatever and however it takes. Another cause, that is the Amelia Sedley's luck. Amelia has so much fortune because she is a daughter of a rich merchant in London. Every body loves Amelia, no one cares to Rebecca. Rebecca is treated badly by Miss Pinkerton. All of rules makes her sick of Miss Pinkerton. She wants to revenge.

Rebecca will find the way to revenge Miss Pinkerton's treatment as possible as she can. She must be the rich person so that people respect to her.

The effects of Rebecca's materialism are capital manipulation, money orientation, physical comfort, and loveless life. Rebecca has physical charm and clever mind. She uses her wit to charm all who meet her. All of people in Rebecca's society to be respect to her because her cleverness. Rebecca Sharp is only an orphan girl, having neither money nor position. She really understand that if she wants to enter of Vanity Fair, she should has a lot of money. She will do everything to change her life. She has opinion if there is a rich man and unmarried, why she should not marry him. She has only a fortnight, to be sure, but there is no harm in trying. Rebecca also likes to go the parties and wears diamonds. She becomes outshines in all of her parties. All of ladies remark on the beauty and quality of Rebecca's gown and jewels when she is presented at her parties. Rebecca has no feeling of love and affection. She sacrifices husband, child, friends to her ambition. She only thinks about the money and wealth. This influence sends her to hunt her happiness and she can obtain everything in her life, without care her surrounding. Maybe, it is because the hard life she spends in her childhood. It makes her to be materialistic woman.

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