

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

Literature is a work of art that represents real events in real life. It is also the expression of the individuals who write it. Therefore, by reading literary works, the readers are brought into an imaginary world to feel the expressions or to catch the messages that are showed by the author. Literary works are divided into fiction (short story and novel), poetry, and drama. In this case, the writer is interested in analyzing a novel entitled *Not Without Laughter* written by Langston Hughes because it gives some lessons to the readers. This novel teaches the readers how to receive the hard situation with joy and pride.

There are three problems in this writing that are most interested to be analyzed. The first problem is Aunt Hager's point of view towards the white people who have discriminated the black people. This problem is discussed using the theory of setting, because it has an important role in building a story. Aunt Hager has experienced the slavery period, and based on her experience, she has a different point of view towards her surroundings. The second problem is Aunt Hager's struggle for raising her children in the 'white world'. This problem is explained using the theory of feminism, because Aunt Hager represents a black woman who struggles hard to survive in the white people's society. The third problem is the effect of Aunt Hager's experience living in the 'white world' in educating her youngest daughter, Harriett, and her grandson, Sandy. This problem is analyzed using the theory of psychological and social conflict, because Aunt

Hager faces many conflicts in struggling to survive living in the 'white world' and in educating her daughter and grandson.

The problems in this thesis are discussed using different method and theory. The first problem is about the point of view of Aunt Hager towards the white people who have discriminated the black people. Aunt Hager herself is a former slave. She has experienced the hard time of slavery period and the time after that. She has received mocking and insulting from the white people. However, she never hates them. Her principle is that hatred will cause destruction for everybody and she always believes that not all white people are bad.

The second problem is about the struggle of Aunt Hager in raising her children in the 'white world'. Because of the racial system, many black women work to support the family's income. Aunt Hager is one of those women. She works hard to fulfill the family's needs. She even works harder after her husband has died. She realizes that living in the white environment is not easy. However, she proves to them that she can work very well and, finally, she gets the white people's attention and praise.

The third problem is about the effect of Aunt Hager's experience living in the 'white world' in educating her youngest daughter, Harriett, and her grandson, Sandy. Aunt Hager has experienced the hard time of the slavery period; therefore, she knows well that living in the 'white world' is not easy. Hager's first daughter, Tempy, is the only daughter who finished her high school education. Hager's second daughter, Annjee, did not finish her high school education. She married with Jimboy, who does not have fixed job, when she was still in the high school.

Because of those reasons, Hager hopes that her third daughter, Harriett, can finish her high school education and can be successful in her future. However, Harriett does not fulfill Hager's hope. Therefore, Hager turns her attention to her grandson, Sandy. She wants Sandy to learn well so that he will be successful and able to raise the black race in the future to have the same status as the white people.

After writing this thesis the writer learns that living in a different world with the different people is not always easy and we have to struggle to get what we need. However, we do not have to hate each other in reaching our goals because it will cause hatred. The writer also learns that no matter how hard the situation is, we have to receive it with joy and pride. The writer hopes that the readers can take some lessons from Aunt Hager's character to run this life wisely and to be patient in facing every difficulty.

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