

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

“Mice and Man” is a social novel that reflects life in a nineteenth century America. It portrays the condition of American society during Great Depression where the crisis economic and politic happened. This condition is an economic crisis which happened globally. Steinbeck shows the impact the change in economy had on people’s live, through the various characters especially the lives of George and Lennie. Through George and Lennie character, he wants to describe that so many people in America trying to achieve their dream, their hopes crushed due to the great depression.

Furthermore, the researcher also found the condition of American form another character which builds in this story. These characters reflect the impact of conflict during the Great Depression which happened on 1930’s. Such as ranch worker condition during the great depression which has influenced by social status.

After analyzing, the researcher found that the Lower class in this story described by the writer is less of property and power. This correlation affects their conflicts among classes. The conflict and struggle typically result in some individuals and groups dominating and controlling others, and patterns of domination and subordination tend to be self-perpetuating. Such as seen in this novel page (36), how George try to make sure about their condition to Boss’

ranch. This causes he is afraid, if they will lose their job. It is clearly described that some group who have power dominating and controlling others. Such as the owner of ranch who has monopoly and controlling others.

Thus based on the analysis of social conflict by using Weber's theory, the researcher finds that in the society there is the imbalance power between upper class and lower class. At that time, upper class is dominant group, who have monopoly in the market while the lower class is minority group who have less power remarks by financial matter and poor condition. Therefore, the researcher concludes conflict found in the society is dominant conflict between upper class and lower class. At last, because of conflict describe by power they have, it is related to the impact of conflict in the society at that time which influence by their position in the society. Thus position influence by some factor affects this such as prestige of birth, gender, race and mode of living. Furthermore, the researcher finds that power is dominant factor in the novel to influence conflict in the society. It means that theory and research are relevant and appropriate for the literary research.