

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

After analyzing the data based on the theories, it is concluded that a symbol has complex meaning; it has not only “literal” meaning, but also additional meaning beyond the literal. Sometimes the literal meaning of a symbol is absurd, so that the symbolic meaning over-rides and cancels out the literal meaning. A symbol may have more than one meaning. In fact, the most significant symbols do convey an indefinite range of meanings.

The novel is rich in symbolism that enhances both the plot and the themes. In Ernest Hemingway’s novel *The Old Man and The sea*, Hemingway uses symbolisms to portray the traits of the main characters in his stories. Hemingway uses symbols to give the reader a better look and an easier understanding of what the book is about. The use of symbolisms in his books gives deeper meaning.

In Ernest Hemingway’s masterpiece *The Old Man and The Sea*, he uses much symbolisms to assist the readers understanding of the message he is trying to portray. *The Old Man and The Sea* isn’t just a book about an old man and the sea. There are many hidden meanings do it. Each element represents different things. The marlin, for example, represent strength, beauty and the last challenge we all go through. The lions in his dreams resemble youth, freedom and also strength.

Considering the above findings the researcher takes a conclusion that every selected symbols taken from hemingway's novel *The Old Man and The Sea* has values of optimistic life. The values implied in this novel can be used for guidance in our life to be a successful men. The values of optimistic life which Hemingway wants to share is in line with the them of this novel.

B. Suggestion

Referring to the result of the analysis, there are some suggestion as follows :

1. It would be useful for the lecturers of the English Department if they use this thesis as the examples of moral values especially optimistic symbols when they are teaching about literature or other related subjects. Hopefully, students can apply moral values in their life.
2. It is for students of the English Department to make further study in analyzing symbolisms. Hopefully, it can help them when reading English novels which contain various symbols. At last, this analysis can at least be a comparison for any studies in the same field.