CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter consisted of conclusions and suggestions that were written based on the result and discussion which was composed from the data analysis of the historical representation and its authentication found in *The Poppy War* novel.

A. Conclusions

The conclusions were drawn in accordance to the formulation of the 0roblem of the study, based on the result and discussion of the research.

The Poppy War novel as a historical fantasy novel was written with historical representation. The historical representation in the novel was presented by using historical details and reference to historical figures and events. The historical details found in the novel were in the form of physical details in the location or place settings of the story. Historical figures found in the novel were referred as influential historical characters in the universe inside the novel. Meanwhile the historical events referred in the novel served both as additional background of the story happening inside the novel as well as part of major plot of the story.

The authenticity of the historical reference can be confirmed by the similarity of the data found in the novel with the secondary and tertiary sources. The authentication issues of the historical representation concerned about six categories; romanticized accounts of the historical event/time period, viewpoint:

author's background, date of publication, stereotypical description, notable omissions and expansions, and anachronistic details.

The Poppy War novel as historical fantasy sub-genre of historical fiction gave us a window into the past and allows us to reflect upon the present through the past; that it can more easily incorporate elements belonging to shared cultural heritage as it is different from realistic historical fiction (McArthur, 2008). In conclusion, this novel can be used as a media to learn about historical events that happened during the Second Sino-Japanese War. However, readers needed to remember that the novel is historical fantasy novel that contains fantastical elements that helped the story progressed.

B. Suggestions

The researcher would like to offer a few suggestions based on the research that has been conducted, which are:

1. For readers, this research can be used as reference in understanding historical literary work as this research focused on the historical representation in the novel. Historical novel can be used as a learning media to learn about the actual history in real life.

2. For other researchers, the novel used in this research can be analyzed further from different perspective and viewpoints by using different theoretical approaches and theories. In addition, the theories used in this research can be applied to other literary works in historical genre.