CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

A. Conclusions

After analyzing the data, conclusions could be drawn as the following:

- 1. There were four major aspects of Marxism found in the novel of *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup. They were: (1) Dialectical Materialism with 18 cases (26, 47 %), which is an act for sacrificing other things to get more material value and considering the private property (living-human, cattle, etc- or not) as the main subject. (2) Social Alienation with 10 cases (14, 70 %), which is to make the private property solitude and think none other than work to raise the proficiency of labor. (3) Exploitation of Class with 31 cases (45, 58 %), which the act of extracting the labor power and or abuse. (4) Economic Determinism with 9 cases (13, 23 %), which is the urge of controlling the economy but lead to opposite.
- 2. The data findings showed the aspects of Marxism perspective in *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup is portrayed by showing the difficulties for being the lower class and the unfair treatment of exploitation by racism and also slavery has brought the dark shroud of humanity. The dialectical materialism as the main pivot of capitalism are shown by the act of owning people in *Twelve Years a Slave* as private property for the sake of upper class prosperity and as a mere tool to gain more material value which is worst than cruel. Social alienation is shown by the estrangement of the

property (black people, slaves) to achieve the pompous target of demand, to raise the proficiency through toiling the labor without complaint or even sound. It is forbidden to communicate while working. Only one thing is permitted to do, that is working. Next is exploitation of class, this issue is portrayed by the discrimination through slavery and racism. The severe circumstances of lower class plus the grievous treatment of upper class (land owner, property owner, or the overseer) has brought nightmares for the black people. The upper class forces the black people to work without rest from dawn to dark, everything for their material profit. The economic determinism is portrayed by the capitalist who tries to control the economy ended to opposite, but still they oppressed other to gain more wealth. In that moment, the civilized community is not seeing this issue as a disorder, yet they are controlled by economy and materialistic mindset to live by sacrificing other human, in this case the black people, the poor slaves. The determinism of social economic status has led to a wall of stratification. This condition is created because of the lack of pathos of the society.

B. Suggestions

In relation to the conclusions, the following suggestions are stage:

1. The literature teachers, it is better for them to understand not only the theory of Marxism but also the aspect within the Marxism as found in the novel *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup.

2. Applied Linguistic students, it is suggested to read more novels like *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup which give moral lesson from the journey of Solomon who tries to find the justice after he experienced slavery and to teach how to recover all of problems, to be patient and not giving up.

It is suggested for other researchers to make other research related this idea to give more horizon and enlarge the discourse on literary studies especially to the study of sociology of literature in using Marxist theory and also useful information in understanding Marxism acts. This thesis would be place as the main references in order to make further research about Marxism.

