

## CHAPTER THREE

### CONCLUSION

The theme of Richard Wright's novel The Outsider is solving problems with violence will cause serious consequences. I find that the theme is applicable in real life. Today, many people are used to protesting about something that they feel not right, such as: workers who protest about their salaries to the company, or they protest about their right to sit in a higher position in the company, teachers who protest about their salary, Students who protest about their ideas to the government. In the process, they often create disturbance by using violence. As a result, the worst thing happens; many people get hurt, injured, or die. It is proved through the riot on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1998 by Trisakti University students.

Violence means when people tend to hurt other people either with a weapon or not. There are so many kinds of violence like fighting, robbery, murder, war, etc. Most of them will make people become victims and they will create hatred.

Not everyone tends to use violence in their life; however, violence happens when people get pressure during their life. There are some factors which make people tend to use violence, such as: their life background, their

environment, their family background, their jobs, and their relationship with others.

Today, violence still happens in our community, especially in lower classes. Lack of knowledge and hard life makes them tend to use violence to achieve their goals. Violence also happens among people when the communication is not effective any more to solve the problem. When people become emotional, they cannot think clearly; this anger will dominate their minds and bodies. It is the last option that should be chosen, but still it creates another problem to the user.

There are some problems of the characters in the novel which can be solved with communication rather than violence. For examples, the conflict between Cross Damon and his wife can be solved well if Damon apologies to his wife and promises not to make the same mistake, probably his wife will forgive him and they will not separate.

Another conflict between Cross Damon and Joe Thomas, his best friend, may be solved well if Damon tells his entire problem to Joe. There is a possibility that he will help to solve Damon's problem for he is his best friend. It does not mean Joe acts like a hero, but he can help not to create a new problem for Damon by not telling any one about Damon's existence. Joe can also help Damon to find a place to live during his runaway.

The theme is appropriate, no matter how the situation is. Violence is not a good way to solve problems. Using violence to other people is bad and it gives a bad result. There are still other ways to solve the problem, such as negotiation.

There will be no victims during the process. The problem will be solved well in negotiation rather than doing violence.