

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, I am going to conclude my analysis on the theme of Kazuo Ishiguro's When We Were Orphans which is revealed through the portrayal and action of the protagonist. The theme of the novel is "Difficulties often shape one to be a tough and realistic person".

Christopher Banks, who is the protagonist of the novel, faces a lot of difficulties in his life. He faces the biggest difficulty in his life when his parents disappear in his childhood. As a result, he must survive by himself. I find out that Christopher Banks faces his biggest difficulties in optimism and becomes tough.

In the process of finding his parents, Christopher Banks also faces a lot of difficulties. Yet, the difficulties cannot make him give up to the conditions. On the contrary, he faces them in optimism and persistence, which makes him tough in facing the next difficulties in his life.

I am of the opinion that the difficulties which everyone faces can influence their live. Through the difficulties which always come in our lives, we are given chances to learn how to deal with the difficulty. Moreover, sometimes the difficulties make us have motivation in life. Christopher Banks' becoming a detective is influenced by the difficulties in his past life, which is losing his

parents. Christopher Banks wants to solve the mystery of his missing parents, so he works hard and becomes the most brilliant detective. Through his experience in solving many cases, he always learns how to solve his own case.

Christopher Banks may be disappointed by the truth about his parents, but he is tough enough to accept the truth and he turns to be a realistic person. So I can conclude that the many difficulties which Christopher Banks faces urge him to become a tough person and turn him to be a realistic person.

Human beings face difficulties in their lives. Moreover, there are two attitudes in facing the difficulties, which are negative and positive. A man who faces difficulties negatively cannot survive and he will be led into depression. On the other hand, a man who can face his difficulties positively will be tough. He does not give up to difficulties and he can find the way-out of the difficulties. Through the difficulties, a man can learn a lot about life and is usually shaped to be a tough and realistic person.

I find that the theme of the novel is related to the title. I assume the title When We Were Orphans is related to everyone in the world. Just like orphans; we are struggle searching for some essential point in our lives. We sometimes can deal with it and move on, but sometimes we are permanently stunted by our loss. Phrasing the title in the past tense indicates that Christopher Banks has finally succeeded to find important point in his life and he has moved on. Although the reality turns out to be far from his hope, he has been successful in finding the important answer in his life.

No one wants to get difficulties in his or her life. Everyone wants to live easily and happily. Yet, when difficulty is unavoidable, the important thing is to

be being optimistic, persistent and never give up as it has been done by Christopher Banks in When We Were Orphans. For this particular reason, I consider this novel to be worth reading and analyzing. The best way to deal with difficulties is to cope with it and move on.