

## CHAPTER THREE

### CONCLUSION

Having analysed the novel, the present writer would like to present her conclusion. By reading carefully one of David Guterson's novels, Snow Falling on Cedars, the present writer has come to several conclusions. The present writer finds that Guterson has clearly created an outstanding major character, Kabuo Miyamoto.

The present writer finds that Kabuo Miyamoto as one of the major characters of the novel has the characteristics of bravery, loyalty, work ethics, and submission. From his characteristics the present writer concludes that Kabuo is a man of perseverance.

In this novel, Guterson wants to show the reader about the life of Japanese immigrants in the United States of America during and after World War II who are treated as second-class people and who suffer from racism through the portrayal of Kabuo. The author portrays Kabuo by using some characterization techniques such as thought, character as seen by another, conversation of others, speech, past life and reaction. The author uses a lot of characterization techniques in order to prevent the

reader from getting bored and and to avoid monotony so the reader can understand Kabuo as a major character clearly.

The present writer finds that Kabuo's bravery and loyalty to the United States of America by joining World War II is due to his desire to be regarded and accepted as American in spite of his Japanese physical appearance. Kabuo wants society to consider his bravery and loyalty so that he can be accepted by the American society.

The present writer notices that Guterson has succeeded in portraying Kabuo in an interesting way. Kabuo is presented as a man who has good characteristics such as brave, loyal, and hard working, but still as a human being he also has his bad side, such as his being submissive. His two-side personality also shows that Guterson has cleverly created a life-like character, showing not only the good characteristics, but also the bad ones. As human beings people normally have good characteristics and bad characteristics.

Guterson portrays Kabuo as a too submissive person, so that he does not want to speak up although it is for the sake of his own life. However, the author gives a surprising ending. At the end of the story Kabuo can come out of his silence and he dares to tell the truth. He can make a correct decision by telling the truth about Carl's batteries, which break down and become the cause of Carl's death. From this particular fact, the present writer can learn that one has to make a correct decision in one's life because in life there are a lot of choices. By making a correct decision one can get a better life.

The story also shows Guterson's deep observation of the life of Japanese immigrants. He has succeeded in creating a work of literature which dares to expose the discrimination towards Japanese immigrants after World War II in the United States of America. The present writer finds out that in the super power country like the United States, racial discrimination still happens in the society, and yet American people always claim themselves as a nation that appreciates human rights very much.

From Kabuo's experiences as a Japanese immigrant, the present writer can also take the benefit of learning the social condition in the United States of America after World War II that is related to the discrimination towards Japanese people. Thus, the present writer is of the opinion that Snow Falling on Cedars is worth reading.