

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, I am going to draw a conclusion from the analysis in the previous chapter. From the analysis, I can see that both major characters are coming from different backgrounds. Huck Finn is a white boy that is running away from his village and is trying to free Jim from slavery. While Jim as a black person, receives discrimination from the society, owing to his skin color. Huck as a white boy who is abandoned by his father is treated very well and gets a proper education by the society, while Jim as a black man is regarded as a property and has no right to make his own decision.

Through the analysis it is shown that Huck and Jim are portrayed differently. Huck as a boy is a brave person, while Jim, who is older than Huck, is a doubtful person. The other difference is that Huck as an educated boy is a rascal, while Jim is a caring person who always cares about his family and also Huck.

Even though they possess some differences on their background and their portrayal, still they treat each other very well. In my opinion, they are using their differences to cope with each other's weakness. Huck, who is brave, always protects Jim who is doubtful from the people who can capture him anytime. Huck

also gives Jim spirit so that Jim believes that he can earn his freedom. Jim, who is a caring person, treats Huck as if Huck were his own son, even though Huck is a rascal boy.

Out of their differences, it is also clearly shown in the analysis that Huck and Jim possess similar characteristics. They are tricky people whose cleverness can trick the village people and enable them to run away from them. They are also loyal to their friends even if they must sacrifice themselves. As a black person Jim is superstitious and believes on magical things, ghost and bad luck. Huck, who is a white boy also possesses superstitious trait; he believes in bad luck as Jim believes in it. They are naïve people who can easily trust the people that amuse them.

I believe that these similarities show that black people and white people actually share some similarities. The white and black people are actually equal as human beings and white people are not supposed to think that they are superior to the black people.

Huckleberry Finn is an interesting character. He is different with the stereotype of the children at the time that always obey the rules of the society even if the rules are against their will. Huck is a boy who becomes the object of the society norms in which he is expected to treat the black people as people who are inferior to him. But through his journey with Jim and by knowing Jim better, Huck starts to notice that the racial stereotypes that the society teaches him are wrong. He realizes that the black people are actually equal to him and deserve to get their freedom. Many people at the time would think that he is a rebellious and rascal boy, but he is actually a boy who cares about freedom.

In my opinion, Jim is also an interesting character that breaks the belief that black people are inferior to the whites. He shows that he is possessing good

manners and characteristics which are better than some white people. As a slave, Jim, who is a doubtful person, shows his courage to fight for his freedom. Another thing that makes him interesting is in the end of the story, when he is able to change people's opinion about him. He makes the white society start to trust him and he makes them think that he deserves to be treated well.

I think Huckleberry Finn and Jim are characters who care about freedom and equality. They represent American values of individual freedom and equal opportunity that at that time seem to be forgotten. Slavery is against the American values, as it suppresses people's freedom and equality.

Although slavery was banished after the Civil Rights Movements, the impact can still be found in modern age, in form of racial discrimination towards black people in America. White people still treat them badly by insulting them. There is still a huge gap in the society that separates the whites and the blacks.

Discrimination does not happen only to the black people in America but it also happens to every minority in the society in the whole world, regarding gender, religion, and also social status. Many people are exposed to bad treatment because they are considered the minority by the society.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is a novel considered as the masterpiece in American literature. Many great books in the world are inspired by this book. This book is a book read by children and adult in the whole world, which inspire many people to fight for their equality and freedom.

After reading the book, I learn that discrimination results in injustice. There are some boundaries in the society that cause the minorities having difficulties to develop themselves. In the novel, Huck and Jim manage to break

these boundaries and change the view of the society. I believe if everyone is willing to fight, they will get their equality in the society.