

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **CONCLUSION**

After completing the analysis of the protagonist, I would like to draw a conclusion. I can formulate that the theme of the novel is: “One needs to be smart, brave, and reliable in order to gain power to be a leader.” It is clearly seen through the in-depth analysis of the portrayal of the protagonist.

Through the analysis of Vito Corleone’s characteristics, it is clearly seen that his characteristics contributes to his having power for being leader. As a smart person, he can foresee something ahead. His smartness makes him able to evaluate something and makes a perfect decision. His smartness also contributes in his success of expanding his business in which he gets a lot financially. His bravery gives him the ability to make a perfect decision without being afraid of the consequences ahead. It also gives him strength to overcome any problems. People’s great respect for him is attributed to his bravery. As a reliable person, he

gives his best to his people. He helps them all and shows that he has the ability to help them. He proves that they can rely on him. It makes them depend on him. Vito Corleone's success in getting power enables him to be a leader by proclaiming the title Don, more importantly as the Godfather. His power also makes him able to overcome the obstacles. It also helps him to lead his people to prosperity. Therefore, I believe that Vito Corleone's characteristics contribute in his success of getting power for being leader.

Through the in-depth reading of the novel, I should also say that Puzo successfully portrays his protagonist. He effectively uses four characterization techniques, which are speech, conversation of others, reactions, and direct comment. Dominantly, Puzo uses the direct comment technique. I think it is the best and clearest way to describe a character's characteristics because in this technique, it is the author himself that directly gives comment to a character. Besides, in my opinion, the information from the author himself is the most credible one for he is the one who knows everything in the novel. It can also be easier for his readers to get understanding about the particular character.

Furthermore, I also conclude that there are some moral lessons that the readers can get after reading the novel in which I believe also helps Vito Corleone to be a leader. First of all, it is about loyalty. Vito Corleone, the protagonist, shows that he is loyal to his people. He helps them when they have troubles. He gives them their best. Sometimes their requests are difficult, he never betrays

them. Instead, he keeps helping them. He shows that through the good and bad things in life, he is still with them, like what he does to Bonasera. Bonasera is Vito Corleone's old friend. He somewhat leaves the Corleone clan as it is considered a betrayal but Vito Corleone never leaves him. When Bonasera comes to ask for Vito Corleone's help, he shows his loyalty and help Bonasera. With his being loyal, his people trust him more; therefore, he earns more respect. The more respects he has, the more power he has. I think through his action, it shows that as a human being, we need to be loyal to each other although perhaps we are betrayed by people around us.

Secondly, I think as human being we need to maximize our potential. Nowadays, people seem to feel dissatisfied with what they have. They would prefer to keep complaining for their life rather than give thanks of themselves and see their life as a failure. It is very different from Vito Corleone. He is portrayed as a man who is very potential in that he is, by nature, a smart, brave and reliable person. Therefore, he sees his life positively and maximizes his potential. In the end, he shows that by maximizing his potential, he can get what he wants.

Thirdly, the moral lesson that I get from reading the novel is that as a man specifically as a father, one need to take full responsibility of his family. Vito Corleone shows in the novel about how hard he tries to get power for being leader. The purpose is not only to get what he wants but also to show his responsibility as a father, the head of his family. It also shows that he loves his

family. Vito Corleone proves that although his status is as the head of a mafia family, he still cares about his family. He gives them everything that he can give and secure them from all danger. His being responsible to his family is also a proof to his people that they can count their lives on him. It makes him become more powerful to be a leader.

The last moral lesson that I get is about perseverance. Although some problems occur, the protagonist commits to face it and keep moving forward without looking back. In the end, he succeeds. With his perseverance, he succeeds in gaining power; therefore, he becomes a leader. He proves that with perseverance, one can achieve his dream.

Above all, in my opinion, the theme through the protagonist in The Godfather is suitable to represent the power for leadership. The novel clearly describes the effort of the protagonist to get power for being a leader. The theme is also a moral message for the readers about the importance being smart, brave, and reliable. Those three are the most important foundations of power for leadership. With one being smart, brave, and reliable he can get money, respect, and make people depend on him. It becomes his power to be leader. Moreover, through the analysis of the characteristics of the protagonist, the readers are also taught to be loyal, to be responsible, to love each other, to keep moving forward, and to persevere in life.