

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

Having analyzed Anne Bronte's *Agnes Grey* in the previous chapter, I would draw some conclusion of my analysis. In this novel, Anne Bronte portrays the protagonist Agnes Grey as a persistent, hard-working, caring, and patient young woman.

Her being persistent can be seen when her family gets financial problems and then she insists on helping her family by becoming a governess. She also tries to find another family after her resigning from the Bloomfields. From her being persistent, she can get happiness because finally she can work as a governess, and thus help her family; even after resigning from the Bloomfields, she can work as a governess again.

Agnes' being a hard-working person can be seen when she works in the Bloomfields and the Murrays. She has to face naughty children and make some progress on them. Her hard-working gives her satisfaction. She really does her job well as she puts a lot of efforts to manage the children in spite of the fact that she cannot do much to improve the Murrays' children.

Agnes' being a caring person can be seen when she is willing to read the Bible to her friend who has a problem with her eyes. It can also be seen when she has to resign from her job due to her father's death and decides to live with her mother. Her being caring brings her happiness because she can serve other people and feels satisfied to find her mother in good health.

Besides, Agnes' being patient can be seen from her reaction to the Bloomfields children's annoying behavior and when she has to hold her temper in dealing with the two young ladies who are growing up. Later her patience can gain positive respect, which gives satisfaction and happiness to her.

From the above description, I can conclude that Anne Bronte has given a clear picture of the protagonist, Agnes Grey. Agnes is portrayed as a life-like character. She meets with difficult situations and she responds to them by having positive attitudes. Bronte has also skillfully delivered her message through the portrayal of Agnes Grey. Thus, it is obvious that the portrayal of the protagonist is of great help in revealing the theme of the novel: By having positive attitudes, one will gain satisfaction and happiness.

The theme itself is universal. It means that it is applicable to the present situation and to people anywhere. I myself can learn that positive attitudes are needed in order to overcome difficulties. Moreover, I also believe that positive attitudes will bring satisfaction and happiness in my life. In my opinion, one should think and act positively in response to difficult situations one often faces.

Having read the novel *Agnes Grey*, I also notice that Anne Bronte has presented the story interestingly. As the novel is based on her experience, she gives detailed description of the job as a governess; of how a governess has to

face difficulties in holding naughty children, difficult-to-learn children, young ladies with annoying manner, and negative comments from the parents, to name but a few. Bronte also gives solution to overcome those kinds of difficult situation, represented by the protagonist's positive attitudes. I find this novel inspiring, and thus worth reading.