

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This is the last chapter of this research. Therefore, this chapter presents the conclusions of the previous chapters. Besides, this chapter is also about the suggestions for the next research.

#### 5.1 Conclusions

The object of the study is *Black like Me* by John Howard Griffin published in 1962. Sociology of literature by Laurensen and Swingewood is an approach to analyze the object since this research concern with the phenomenon of society in America, 1950s, that reflected by setting of a novel. Thus, racism by Alden T. Vaughan as the theory of the research; and Jim Crow Laws by Dr. David Pilgrim used to analyze the phenomenon, racism and racial segregation system, Jim Crow Laws. As explained in the previous chapter, racism raised a belief that white people were superior to the Blacks in America because African – American were not equal to them in every way of life. It is depicted in the racial segregation system, Jim Crow Laws, that emerged to segregate between white and black people in daily life.

Furthermore, there are several kinds of Jim Crow Laws found by John Howard Griffin in the several cities in Southern, such as New Orleans, Mississippi, Alabama, Atlanta and Texas. First of all, Jim Crow Laws ruled public transportation; streetcar and buses; public facilities such as water fountain, movie house, housing complex, benches, toilets and waiting rooms; housing and physical contacts between Whites and Blacks in New Orleans. The second, Jim Crow Laws

controlled Mississippi in the parts of public transportation such busses, public facilities such as restroom, beaches, and restaurants; education, intermarriage of races, speaking attitude or the way black people talk to Whites. The next, Alabama is influenced by Jim Crow Laws in several restaurants and schools in this city. Moreover, Jim Crow Laws also existed in Atlanta. It can be found in buses and restrooms. The last one, Griffin captured the Jim Crow Laws in Texas when he visited a cafe with sign “Whites Only”.

## 5.2 Suggestions

The researcher uses racism as the main theory, the information related to Jim Crow Laws in the research and a novel entitled *Black like Me* by John Howard Griffin as the object of the research. Thus, the researcher only focuses on the setting of the novel that portrays the issue. In fact, there are still a lot of things that can be analyzed using different approach and theory. Therefore, the researcher suggests that this kind of research also examines the other elements of a novel, such as the main character, John Howard Griffin. This novel is also a good object to discuss the psychology of a white man who changed into a Negro.