

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter presents the conclusion of the study and provides suggestions for further research.

5.1. Conclusions

Based on the analysis, it is concluded that the findings of this study have answered the research questions. The findings of this research reveal that American Dream manifests in *On Such A Full Sea* through formation of negotiations. These negotiations are in forms of alternatives that are provided by the text through the characters' process of self-learning as they go through their life journey. It is also found that American Dream is not static since it is changeable and negotiable.

This text tries to convey that even simpler things than American Dream can give happiness. It appears that happiness can be attained in realistic ways when American Dream cannot be achieved, such as: being useful for people around, being thankful for what is already owned, and being with loved ones in tough times. It also tells that there are responsibilities to take once a person have power and money.

As this text provides alternative for the characters' American Dreams, this text also offers young adults to see that social status, money, and wealth is not worth fighting for when they endanger our life security. Those items are not everything compared to what we can have once we believe in ourselves: happiness.

5.2. Suggestions

After conducting this research, there are several suggestions for future analyses regarding to American Dream.

1. First, it will be interesting to analyze American Dream in other types of literature (songs, poetries, or dramas) to get wider understanding about American Dream.
2. Secondly, it is suggested for future researcher to read more before, during, and after doing research about the topic studied because this will help developing writing skills.
3. Third, since the writer of this research did not experience having a class that discuss specifically about American Dream, it is suggested for the English Literature Department to have at least one session that discuss the American Dream. American Dream is found quite complicated and this can trigger the students to think critically about global issues.