

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1. Conclusion

America was called as “The Land of Opportunity”. It was a land that promised everything for its citizen. With hard-working leading to the determination, independence, optimism and diligence, people who came to America could achieve their dreams. These dreams were well-known as “The American Dream”

Danielle Steel reflects American Dream through the characterization of Sarah Ferguson in her novel entitled *The Ghost*. This novel took place in America in the 18th century. It was a time in which frontiers came all the way from European countries. It was also the time when the turbulence hit America and influenced the security stability at that time.

The present research leads to several conclusions. First, according to the time period, it is true that Sarah Ferguson, the main character in the story, dreamed of freedom. It was the freedom in which she lived her own life and was free from any kind of oppression and rule that tied her. Besides, she also dreamed of doing farming in America. It was a strange dream for a lady like Sarah Ferguson in the unstable condition of security

in America. But, it was a dream that was influenced by many factors such as her family background and the condition of America at that time.

Second, the bad condition of security in America in the 18th century brought difficulties to the frontiers. The frontiers were made to develop these characters: hard-working, brave, optimistic and economical. Without those characters, the frontiers would not be able to achieve their dreams in America. Those characters were also possessed by Sarah Ferguson to achieve her American Dream. It was independent, hard-working, brave and economical life that became the most important matters for Sarah Ferguson as a frontier to achieve her dream in America.

Third, this research investigated the concept of American Dream in the 18th century. The novel was set in the 18th century, but Danielle Steel wrote the novel in the 1997, so Steel's perception on American Dream referred to the literature about American Dream in the 18th century. It is in line with traditional concept of American Dream proposed by Norton, Katzman, and Yuttle (1982) saying that the Americans dreamed of freedom and opportunity.

5.2. Suggestion

Realizing that this research still needs a lot of elaboration, there are some suggestions for further research, as can be seen as follows:

1. A further study is suggested to analyze the concept of American Dream in the 18th century from this very novel and

American Dream as it was versus as it is now, and it is not merely the author's perception but the actual condition of American Dream by the approach of sociology of literature.

2. The next researcher can conduct a similar study to other texts namely prose, poetry, or song which contains or has the social elements within it.
3. Finally, the researcher suggested the reader to possess the characters mentioned earlier in order to achieve the dream, because the characters mentioned above are essential to achieve dreams.

