

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter consists of two sub-chapters. The first sub-chapters will be the conclusion of this research. The second sub-chapter would be the suggestion that might provide helpful information for the further research of *Twelve years a slave* by Solomon Nortup's masterpiece.

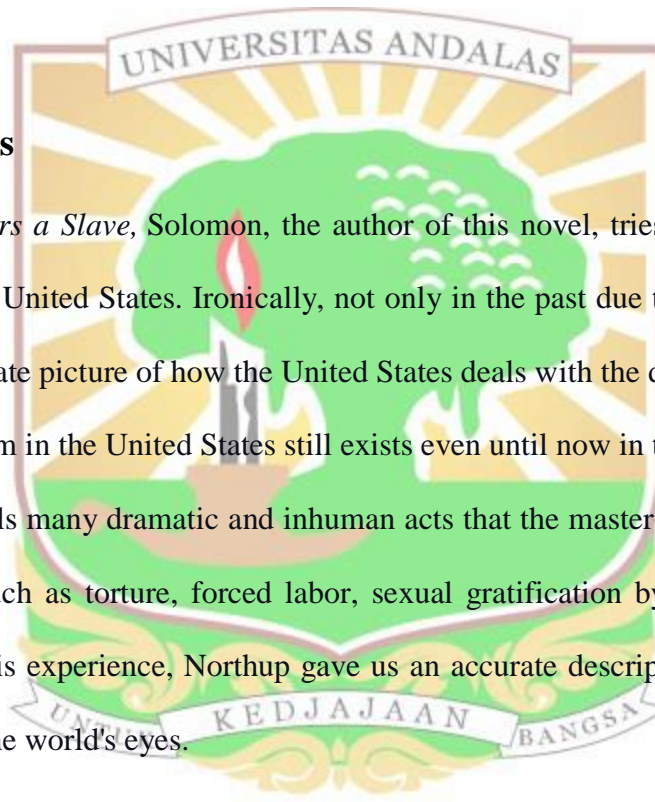
#### 5.1 Conclusions

In *Twelve Years a Slave*, Solomon, the author of this novel, tries to speak the reality of being different in the United States. Ironically, not only in the past due to the civil war, but this novel is also an accurate picture of how the United States deals with the differences in skin color. He declares that racism in the United States still exists even until now in this modern era.

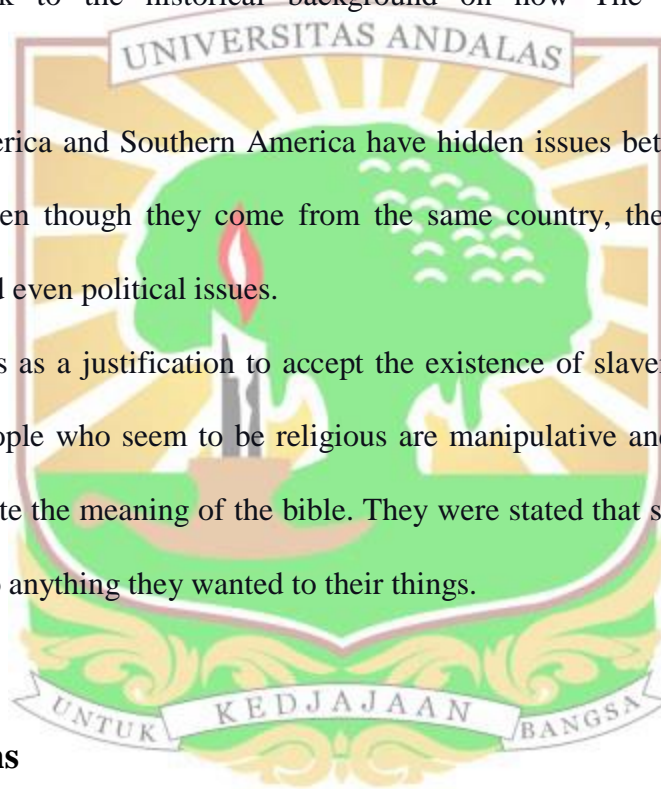
Northup reveals many dramatic and inhuman acts that the master did to his slaves. These atrocities suffered, such as torture, forced labor, sexual gratification by his master, and many more. By revealing his experience, Northup gave us an accurate description of racism issues in the United States to the world's eyes.

These phenomena in America lead us to the historical background of how this racial issue started. Northup also brings us a surprising fact that Northern America, which declares itself as anti-slavery and is the region free from the slavery system, was the one who transferred and sold the slave to Southern America.

In conclusion, several things can be summed up from the phenomena of slavery according to the novel by Solomon Northup.



1. The existence of slavery in the United States, especially in Southern America, ironically became a huge business and a great fortune to people from Northern America who declared as an anti-slavery but in reality Northern America for the trade of enslaved peoples and from investments in Southern Plantations, as slavery was never widespread in the North.
2. The slavery system has a significant contribution to the formation of the United States, throwing back to the historical background on how The United States got its independents.
3. Northern America and Southern America have hidden issues between them as the same American. Even though they come from the same country, they are both different in geography and even political issues.
4. The bible uses as a justification to accept the existence of slavery in the United States. The white people who seem to be religious are manipulative and mean to the slaves as they manipulate the meaning of the bible. They were stated that slave was their property, so it free to do anything they wanted to their things.



## 5.2. Suggestions

Finally, I want to suggest for those interested in observing and analyzing this novel. Solomon Northup is one of the greatest memoir authors illustrating slavery, explaining the cruelty of being a slave in America and how the master treated their slaves based on his genuine experienced. This novel discusses the issue of racism on being different due to the skin color in the United States. Those interested in racism, the slavery system, and equal rights are recommended to analyze by reading this book. For those researchers who are

willing to take *Twelve Years a Slave's* novel as one of their research objects, the writer would suggest applying the sociological approaches to implement this research.

