

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

After analyzing Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* by applying reflection theory, the writer finds several similarities between the stories in the novel with Victorian society in England. At that time, the purpose of people's life is to produce money and wealth. It drives them to be materialistic. They value and see everything from money and material benefit. In this era, Bourgeoisie and Proletariat have to struggle to get money to survive, but in the end, they get different results. The rich gets richer, while the poor gets poorer, because the poor people were oppressed by the rich.

Firstly, this novel presents different social classes. It can be seen in the character of Dr. Livesey as bourgeoisie and Long John Silver as proletariat. Both of them have similar characters that are materialistic. Dr. Livesey wants to maintain his wealth by searching for a pirate's treasure. Meanwhile, Long John Silver has a dream in *Treasure Island*. He wants to be a respectable man by doing everything without thinking about the effect to his life and people around him, including his friends. From both characters, the writer finds that for the rich or poor people, money and wealth are important in their lives. So, it drives them to be materialistic; they see people or society based on material value.

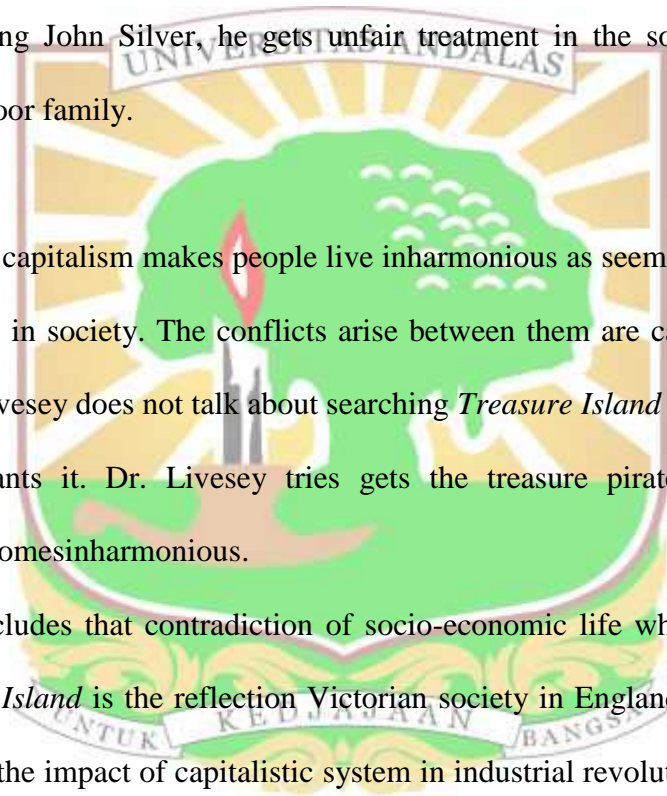
Here, the writer finds some impacts of capitalism in Victorian society as reflected in this novel. Materialism drives people to be individualistic as Dr. Livesey and Long John Silver. Both characters just think about how to earn much money,

wealth, and maintain it in order to be respectable people. They love money and material so much that they sacrifice their family. They prioritize their satisfaction.

Secodly, because of capitalism the proletariat always gets unfair treatment in the society. They believed that the people who lived in wealth were born as respectable man. So, they were respected by other people in the society. Meanwhile, the proletariat are underestimated by the society, because they have nothing and uneducated. Long John Silver, he gets unfair treatment in the society because he comes from a poor family.

Thirdly, capitalism makes people live inharmonious as seen between proletariat and bourgeoisie in society. The conflicts arise between them are caused by material problem. Dr. Livesey does not talk about searching *Treasure Island* to pirates because pirates also wants it. Dr. Livesey tries gets the treasure pirate way. So, their relationship becomes inharmonious.

The writer concludes that contradiction of socio-economic life which occurs in the novel *Treasure Island* is the reflection Victorian society in England. People become materialistic as the impact of capitalistic system in industrial revolution. Through this novel, the author describes that capitalism causes some deep impacts to Victorian Society. The writer finds that capitalism has influenced human mind to value something around them in society. Consequently, it also influences their relationship in the society. After all, the writer finds that the novel is progressive's work. Robert Louis Stevenson succeeds in reflecting the social condition of Victorian society in England under capitalism. The writer sees that through this novel, the author



criticizes the economic system of capitalism which caused some negative impacts toward society.

