

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

As the last part of this thesis, this part contains two points that will conclude the analysis result and give suggestions to the next researcher who wants to analyze and improve it. After finishing the analysis, here is the conclusion of this thesis.

5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing the short stories and compare it to the novel, I found the fact that both the story and the novel have the similar theme: oppression through black women in society. In this part I will summarize the findings from chapter four.

First, the specific challenges that faced by the main character of the two short stories are gender inequality, gender role, expectation, racism, oppression, and marginalization. Those challenges are the common theme that depict in the short stories. In *Sweat* by Zora Neale Hurston there are another challenges that faced by Delia, such as religion and hypocrisy, marital discord, and betrayal self-empowerment and liberation. In *The Pain Tree* by Olive Senior, the challenges that faced by Larissa are loss and grief, ensure of personal histories, resilience and survival. All of the obstacles that faced by the black women characters shows the strength of black women to face the society. Through Delia, a strong black woman who battles racial and gender discrimination in her terrible marriage, "Sweat" highlights black feminism. Black feminism is best exemplified by Delia's strength

and agency, which emphasizes the interconnectedness of race, gender, and class. The narrative pushes back against prejudice and societal norms and calls attention to the particular hardships faced by black women.

Lastly, there are common themes of resiliency, marginalization, identity, and community among black women in "The Pain Tree" by Olive Senior, "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly, and "Sweat" by Zora Neale Hurston. They examine black women's resilience in the face of hardship, the difficulties associated with marginalization and oppression, the quest for identity and belonging, and the significance of female solidarity and communal support. These works, despite their variations, help us grasp the wide range of black women's lives better.

5.2 Suggestion

Sweat and *The Pain Tree* is a great short story written by two incredible writers. Many aspects could be analyze from these short stories. The story not just focusing in black women struggle but also explain racism, gender inequality, marginalization, and oppression from household and society. The story also related to real-life action as seen in *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Moreover, I could suggest to analyze about the power of white society. It would be an interesting topic to discuss.