

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

This research is conducted to show the meaning transformation of the two texts; 'Nothing Gold Can Stay' by Robert Frost and the phrase 'stay gold' in *The Outsiders*. After analyzing 'Nothing Gold Can Stay', the general meaning of the poem is the feeling of acceptance in the entire life since Frost portrays the beauty of nature which cannot be held forever. Furthermore, the detailed meaning of the poem is pessimistic and materialistic notion. The pessimistic notion comes from the feeling of doubtful about the beauty of nature which is hard to stay and the use of symbol of 'gold' which represents prestige, wealth and quality bring the materialistic notion into the surface. However, the phrase 'stay gold' which is taken from that poem shows different thing. This phrase has spiritualistic and optimistic notion since after hearing this phrase, Ponyboy and his brothers realize that all the rough thing are over and he promises not to go to fight anymore.

In the final analysis, the researcher concludes that there is a certain purpose of S.E Hinton to use Robert Frost's 'Nothing Gold Can Stay' as her reference. She wants to change the meaning of a dark poem into a meaningful one in order to show the big impact of reading a literary work. Hinton has obviously taken the phrase 'stay gold' from Robert Frost's 'Nothing Gold Can Stay' by using the word 'gold' in different way. While Frost brings pessimistic and materialistic in his poem, Hinton indeed suggests her characters to 'stay gold' and come up with spiritualistic and optimistic notion. Then, the changing meaning of this phrase successfully make

Ponyboy Curtis becomes someone new; from rough and bad boy into good and wise boy. His life's changing is shaped along the experience that he had gone through since the last word is saying by his buddy, Johnny, make him realize that fighting is pointless and dictating from society is not important anymore.

*The Outsiders* shows the life changing of a bad boy into a good boy. By looking at the experience that the main character had, we can learn that no matter how hard the treatment that we get from the society, we do not need to be a hard person to face it up. Hinton never fails to show the reader that there is still goodness we can find in this world.

