

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

In this research, the writer analyzes how Hinton describes Ponyboy and Johnny's individuation as the journey into maturity. The writer finds several points about how Hinton describes individuation as the journey into maturity in her novel, *The Outsiders*.

First, Hinton describes Ponyboy and Johnny's individuation as the journey into maturity by experiencing them with family and social problem. Their individuation is highly influenced by those problems. The plot of novel shows us that there are transformations in Ponyboy and Johnny from the beginning till the end of the story. Ponyboy becomes a mature teenager after experiencing living without parents but rules with brothers, and should face the fact that there is a group of rich boys who will jump him whenever he goes out alone. Johnny becomes a mature teenager after experiencing living with parents but always gets abused psychically and verbally, and should face his bad trauma of the Socs by bringing a switch-blade knife and becomes a murderer.

Second, the writer finds that even if Ponyboy and Johnny are still teenagers, their individuation keeps forming them until they become a mature teenager who is ready to face the second half of life; adulthood. The novelty of the research is to prove that individuation is not only applied in adult, but also in teenagers. Unlike most of the

previous research that analyze individuation of adult, this research analyze individuation of teenager in *The Outsiders*.

And last, Hinton shows us that not every teenager could succeed the journey into maturity. Some should die in the middle of his journey like Bob, while other should die as a scapegoat hero in the end of his journey like Johnny. The success of the journey into maturity depends on how teenagers manage the elements of their unconscious and seek their true self.

