

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

After analyzing John Steinbeck novels, *Of Mice and Men* and *The Pearl*, the writer concludes that the stories reflect the social life in American society on getting the American dream. The American dream is influenced by the difficult life in the Great Depression era. It also proves the dream of the American people in the novels.

The writer finds the social problems in the two novels. People is jobless, homeless, and exploited by the upper-class and the society. Because of the condition, people want to get a better life. The American dream argues people to dream for a better life, to get success, freedom, equality and prosperity. It is described in the two novels by Steinbeck.

Concerning with the analysis of the thesis, the writer finds out what the dreams of the American people are. The lower-class people in the two novels live in poverty. Therefore they want go get a better life by having a land, enough money and free from exploitation. They must work hard to achieve their dreams. There will be no success without hard work. Then, they collect money to buy something to support life, to have properties, and to buy their needs. People also move to other places to get a better life. They believe that they will get success in the new place.

Related to the dream, people have many ways to achieve their dreams. People work hard to get the dream, and then the move to other places to change lives, and they collect the salary to buy what they want.

The writer believes that through *Of Mice and Men* and *The Pearl*, Steinbeck portrays the condition of the American people's life in American society around the great depression era. Steinbeck tries to show the American dream based on the difficult condition of the American people.

