

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter is divided into two sub-chapters. The first sub-chapter consists of the conclusion of the research. The second sub-chapter consists of the suggestion that might be useful for the research which discusses the cultural diversity in the United States or using multicultural children books as the object.

5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing the selected multicultural children books (*For All the Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World*, *Something Happened in Our Town*, *Shiloh and Dande the Lion*, and *Sulwe*) regarding the issue of racism and how the stories show how to embrace cultural diversity, the writer found some shreds of evidence and findings. Those pieces of evidence found in the selected children's books are a reflection of the reality of the diverse society in the United States. Thus, it can be concluded that:

First, the authors and the illustrators of the selected multicultural children's picture books analyzed in this research portrayed the genuine reality of the minority groups' struggles and experiences in the diverse society in America, such as gun violence, police brutality, and discrimination against the African-Americans. These four children's books have successfully represented different kinds of problems against African-Americans and presented the solutions for each problem. The books written by Michael W. Waters and Marianne Celano are successful in presenting gun violence and police brutality against African-Americans, as well as giving solutions by doing a social movement, tolerance, and speak out. While, the books written by Ciara L. Hill and Lupita Nyong'o are successful in presenting skin color discrimination, as well as teaching African-Americans readers to build positive self-esteem in order to gain their confidence.

Second, these four multicultural children's books have their own unique and attractive style in presenting the racism against African-Americans. In *For All*

Beautiful Bad Boys Who Believe in a Better World and *Something Happened in Our Town* books, the authors and illustrators present the racism by mentioning some of the victims of gun violence and police brutality that the main characters knew through newspaper and television. On the other hand, the other two children's books *Sulwe* and *Shiloh* and *Dande the Lion* describe how to embrace cultural diversity through the imaginary story that the main characters had in their sleep. The authors and illustrators use diverse kinds of sea animals and the Day and Night sisters in reflecting the diversity of culture in reality. Furthermore, these four books also reflect parents' role in discussing racism, as well as how to embrace diversity and defend the minority group's Human Rights.

Third, African-Americans always deal with negative stereotypes addressed to them based on their race that leads to some discrimination and violence even nowadays in the 21st century. Those kinds of discrimination and violence against African-Americans often cause them to not being able to show off themselves and be confident. Moreover, sometimes those actions cause deaths of African-Americans, such as the death of George Floyd by a police officer which triggered the African-American community's anger. The possession of guns and firearms by the civilians, as well as the contribution of the police brutality, are some of the factors that increased the number of victims by the cause of racism against the African-Americans.

Fourth, America is a diverse country with its social issues and conflicts against minority groups. The emergence of conflicts against the minority groups is mostly disadvantaging them in some life aspects, such as in economy, social, education, and healthcare. It is important to work and stand up together in order to embrace diversity and defend the Human Rights of African-Americans. By increasing the awareness of racism and promote diversity, the people in the society can build their trust and respect against each other's differences. Though, it may take time and process. However, in order to prevent any forms of racism against African-Americans, the people of American need to be exposed to the awareness of racism and diversity in American society.

According to the evidence and data above, conclude that African-Americans/Black people are still experiencing several forms of racism in society. Moreover, it leaves a huge impact on the lives of African-Americans in several aspects such as society, economy, education, safety, and so on. Therefore, any forms of racism should be discontinued and fight against by embracing each other differences and start on loving human beings since they live and coexist in the same nation.

5.2 Suggestion

In this sub-chapter, the writer would like to give a suggestion for researchers who will analyze the similar object and topic as this research. Since this research is focusing on the African-Americans or Black people, and there are a lot of minority groups exist in the United States. Moreover, many authors of children books are writing and publishing many multicultural children books nowadays. My suggestion is to analyze the religions diversity in the United States and how it affects the Muslim Americans especially after the 9/11 tragedy and Islamophobia in the United States.

