

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

Finally, this research comes to a conclusion. After analyzing and comparing *The Great Gatsby* novel with the actual factual event and data during the Gilded Age in American history, it can be concluded that F. Scott Fitzgerald, as the author of this novel, accurately wants to show the reader representation of the Gilded Age era. The writer found the evidence through the three illegal business activities run by the main characters Jay Gatsby.

Firstly, the illegal business which runs is bootlegging alcohol. This activity became the primary proof for resemblance to the portrayed of Gilded Age era in *The Great Gatsby* novel since alcohol was also banned because of the prohibition era. This bootlegging is also seen from the characters' lifestyle, which is full of glamour parties and alcohol.

Secondly, another significant economic activity that runs Gatsby is the Drug business. He was lying to Daisy about having a pharmatic business, yet he was involved and bought many side-street drug stores. This business is also cooperating with Meyer Wolfsheim altogether with bootlegging alcohol. The massive use of opium during the gilded age also became a significant problem in society, and this is what Fitzgerald tries to capture in his novel *The Great Gatsby*.

Thirdly is deception in business. The desire to become rich and pursue the American dream made people in America take every opportunity to get wealthy during the Gilded Age. It is also depicted in F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*. The desire to become wealthy happens to Gatsby and other characters in this novel, which is Meyer Wolfsheim. *The Great Gatsby* novel directly mentioned the World Series Transaction in 1919, a history of illegal transactions in America during the Gilded Age era.

5.2 Suggestion

This research shows that *The Great Gatsby* novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald significantly depicts the representations of conditions during the Gilded Age era. However, the analysis vividly indicates a close relationship and representation of the American Gilded Age with *The Great Gatsby* novel through the extrinsic approach. It is drawn by comparing the historical event regarding the illegal business during American Gilded Age to the event in *The Great Gatsby* novel. Since the topic of this research is “American Gilded Age,” it is related to one of the sub-subjects of the English Department of Andalas University curriculums, The Introduction to American Culture. Therefore, the next researcher will be highly recommended to research English novels related to the cultures studied and found on English Department Curriculums.

