

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSIONS

The research focuses on studying the conflict of the characters that related to the setting and the traits of characters which has been found in *A Time to Kill* written by John Grisham. Aside than that, this research also analyzing the plot of the novel. Based on the results of the research, the writer can provide conclusions about the conflict in the novel. Therefore, in this last chapter, there are several points needed to be concluded.

After doing the analysis, the writer found that the traits of the character and setting can affect the conflict between the characters. Jake Brigances is the main characters which takes much part in the novel. Jake is an ordinary white lawyer whose life has been changed after he decided to help a black man named Carl Lee Hailey. He has a capital murder case that he did for the sake of his daughter and it is becomes famous through the county. In the process of finishing the case, Jake will face Rufus Buckley, the prosecuting attorney in Ford County. However, in order to bring justice for Carl Lee, he must be strong to deal with the threats that come towards his life, his family, and the ones who close to him.

In doing the analysis, the writer also explains the plot of the story. Thus, plot has five skeletons. First one is exposition. In exposition, the writers found that there is introduction of some characters which are Pete Willard and Billy Ray Cobb who raped a black girl, and also the setting that has been describes as a fictional place Clanton, Ford county, Mississippi. The second is rising action where the onset of the major conflicts stated in the story. It is the rapes of the

black girl named Tonya Hailey and his father, Carl Lee Hailey decided to shot the rapist using M-16. Then he hires a whites-man lawyer named Jake Brigance. The third is the climax, the turning point where the court officials set the jurors and the tensest thing is when all the jury had been selected and it turns out mostly of the jurors are white people which makes Jake and Carl Lee already think that they will lose. Carl Lee will be punished in the gas chamber because Jake can't defend him. The next one is falling action, where the failing fortune of the hero has been shown. It is when the life of character Jake had been filled with all kinds of problems such as threats or terror from KKK, the organization of white supremacy, the ones who wants sentences Carl Lee to the gas chamber, but there was a hope for Jake and Carl because some of the jurors changed their minds. The last is Denouement. It is found that Carl Lee is innocent. Jake proved he is not guilty and can avoid the gas chamber.

This study also reveals there are two conflicts which occurs between the characters. First, External conflict which arises between Jake and Carl Lee when Carl Lee fired Jake and then throw the case to a famous Memphis lawyer, Bo Marshafsky. Then, the second one is between Jake and Rufus. Even though they work in the same field, it cannot be denied that between attorneys also have conflicts that cannot be avoided. Because this case was very famous, they both competed to prove who would win this case, sarcasm also cannot be stopped that occurred in public.

The other conflict is internal conflicts that happens to Jake himself. He knows what is the consequences that awaits him in the future, and he already sees it because in fact he experiences that. The terror has befallen to those who closest to

him, it cost one human life. Jake was in between the confusion and guilt that enveloped him, he began to questioning and waver over his decision on taking the case back. However, he didn't want to letting go the case because he had come this far and he was determined to bring justice to Carl Lee. He wanted to show the world that in Ford county, there is justice for the black and the racism has gone. The mixture of the traits of the characters and setting can be found in plot of the novel and it is united the story.