

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

The story of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is narrated from the first person's point of view, that is Scout's point of view. Through the eyes of Scout, the reader can get an insight of how racial problem, particularly toward the blacks, happens in the town. This story takes place in Maycomb County, Alabama, during the depression era. Its location and the setting of the time represent the whites' attitude toward the blacks. During that time, white people are hold power over black people and it can lead to the existence of prejudice.

Prejudice of the whites toward the blacks is depicted clearly in the novel. The whites' prejudice through characters representation can be seen through Aunt Alexandra's attitudes toward Calpurnia, a black woman, who works as the Finches' cook and housekeeper. She does not want her family have a relationship with black people. It is because Alexandra thinks that she and her family belong to the upper class and should not mingle with the lower class, especially with the blacks. Consequently, Alexandra wants Calpurnia to go out from the Finches' house. Another example of whites' prejudice toward the blacks can be seen through Tom's trial. Even though Tom is innocent, but he is still pronounced guilty for the crime that he did not commit. Since Tom is black, no one trusts him and most of Maycomb citizens think that he is guilty for raping a white woman. However, it shows that during that time black people never win when they are

against white people. This prejudice can bring separation in the town. Therefore, this separation leads to the existence of segregation. The town has been segregated in order to keep the blacks separate from the whites.

All of those events show the whites' prejudice toward the blacks. From Postcolonial perspective, the whites' prejudice emerges because white people consider black people as the 'Other'. The term of the 'Other' refers to the colonized people who are different from the colonizers. Since the blacks are different from the whites, the whites have a consideration that they are better and more civilized than the blacks. These differences are particularly based on the differences in the color of the skin. Consequently, the term of 'Other' is being constructed. Moreover, the blacks' historical past as slaves and the mindset and attitude of white people, especially about class and race, also affected for the construction of the 'Other'. The construction of the 'Other' brings bitterness toward black people. For the impact, black people should put a high respect and honor to the whites. Black people also cannot make an improvement in their lives since they do not have any chance to have a better job. Further, the construction of 'Other' make white people tends to despise and humiliate black people. So, the construction of the 'Other' give a power for white people to dominate and have a control over black people.

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