

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

After accomplishing the analysis of the story, the writer has been encouraged to say that Tess' *struggle for existence* is revealed in the story by the clash between Tess inherent will to enjoy life and the harshness of reality in her life. It is, in turn, reveals her effort to appear as an individual capable of participating in her own course of life.

Mostly, the burden of Tess life' has been facilitated by the work of fate and generated by her environment. The poverty of her family is the first reality of her environment that leads to her acquaintance with Alec d'Urberville, the man who eventually seduces her. The fact that she has lost her purity after Alec has seduced her has been such painful reality which eventually yields the resentment and alienation from her society. It also renders the failure of Tess' marriage since Angel has rejected her.

However, those inevitable events and reality has never discouraged Tess from achieving her goals of life. Her independent character has been the power to reveal her authority to determine the way by which her hopes and desires are carried through. Tess' decision to leave Alec after he has seduced her shows that she is

aware of her hopes and desires and is not amenable to her environmental pressures. Such awareness has encouraged her to manifest her hopes and desires.

On the other hand, her responsibility towards the family, rendered by her intuitive sense of morality, has never fled from her consideration. In the effort to maintain the harmony between her desire to enjoy life and her feeling of responsibility, Tess has to face the difficulties of her decisions. Yet, with such great endurance, she shows her ability to manage herself, to know the condition of her happiness, and to carry it through.

The way Tess *struggles for existence* starts from her realization that the possibility of her existence is also determined by her actions. However, the painful experience she has underwent makes her realize that the reality cannot be eluded. Such comprehension becomes the reason for her to alter and motivate herself in her effort to secure her goals of life as well as to be responsible for the consequences of her intention. Through her choices and decision, Tess has endeavored to decide her own life even though she often encounters difficulties within her choices and decision. In short, she has played an active part in the world by participating in her own course of life.

From the discussion of Tess' struggle for existence, the writer may conclude that the way individual exists in the world is not merely determined by the external forces. The difference between individual and other lower creatures, although external forces still work upon both, is that human being has a conscious comprehension about their desires in life and that they continuously aware to facilitate their desire. Thus, each individual has to exist according to the way in which he or she comprehends the world and becomes aware of the essential value of his or her satisfaction, otherwise individual is merely a puppet; surrender their existence to the mechanism of life.

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