

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

Through this research, the researcher came to several conclusions:

1. Arthur/Joker is portrayed sympathetically in the movie through the showing of his suffering. This includes physical, emotional, and mental suffering. Due to the normalcy of his suffering, the researcher believes this portrayal was made specifically to make Arthur/Joker easier to sympathize with.
2. Phoenix's portrayal of Joker is more sympathetic compared to other portrayals of Joker. This is caused by a difference of motivation. While other Jokers are motivated by philosophical reasons, Phoenix's Joker simply seeks revenge towards those who wronged him. The lack of bombastic events in this portrayal also helps making it more sympathetic, as it made it easier for the audience to sympathize with Phoenix's Joker.
3. Phoenix's portrayal of Joker embodies the concept of Realism through the use of real-life problems as part of his character's conflict. These problems include juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, and mental health issues, all of which are problems that exist in New York City, the real location of the fictional Gotham City in the movie. The researcher believes this Realism in context of the film meant that the message this

movie was trying to send was a warning of the consequences should these problems in society are not dealt with.

B. Suggestion

Through the analysis done in this research, the researcher has some suggestions to be given to several parties:

1. For the field of literary theory

The researcher hopes to have shown that despite Realism's age, it is still applicable in modern literature and thus should not be dismissed simply because it came from the 19th century.

2. For society at large

The researcher believes that this research has shown enough evidence that the movie *Joker* (2019) is not simply about the origin of Batman's famous adversary, but also how "evil" can be shown in a sympathetic light. The movie is also a warning about the problems that exist in society. The researcher hopes that society will take these lessons to heart.