

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

Symbolism is an interesting thing to study because many writers use symbols to deliver their message. Not only the medium to deliver a message but symbols is also used to catch the reader attention to keep on reading a story. The researcher is interested to study symbolism because the researcher finds *The Little Prince* as a novel that uses a lot of symbols deliver its message and to make the story richer. Therefore, the researcher starts to question what the symbols are and what their meanings are in *The Little Prince*. In order to answer the questions the researcher starts to examine the novel and gets the answers.

The researcher found five major symbols in *The Little Prince* novel. They are Desert, Stars, Baobabs, Water, and Rose. Desert is the first symbol that the researcher found Desert itself in real life is an abandoned place with harsh weather where no one wants to live in. But, in the book, *The Little Prince*, desert symbolizes the loveliest but the saddest place that is contradictive with its real meaning. Desert in Pickering and Hoeper's is included in Private Symbols. The second symbol is Stars. Stars are part of heavenly bodies in the universe that burn themselves to shine and can eventually die. In *The Little Prince*, stars symbolize home for purer souls. Stars in Pickering and Hoeper's are included in Traditional Symbols. The third symbol in the story is Baobab. Baobab is a tree that is used to grow in the desert because its huge size can survive for hundred years in harsh terrain. People who live in a desert can depend on it to live. In *The Little Prince*, baobab is a problem since baobab is too big for the Little Prince's Planet. In Pickering and Hoeper, Baobab is

included in Private Symbols. The fourth symbol is water. It is an important element of nature for any organism that lives on earth including for human. Water is used as sanitation for healthiness, but water can also cause natural disaster. In *The Little Prince*, water is more than sanitation or beverage, water is soul nourishment which people need the most. The moment the Little Prince and the Aviator find water in Sahara Desert, water is soul nourishment for them. Water in Pickering and Hoepfer is included in Private symbols. The fifth and the last symbol is a Rose, Rose is a flowering plant that has various colors and good smells to be used as perfume. In *The Little Prince*, a rose symbolizes a lover which makes the Little Prince falls in love. And Rose in Pickering and Hoepfer is included in Traditional Symbols.

Finally, the readers can see that in the novel that is not as thick as *Harry Potter* novel, there are five major symbols that weave a whole story into an interesting book that has rich message. The symbols in the story can also give the readers great impact in the way they see the five things mentioned in the story. The readers will see those five things differently from those who have not read the book. The readers tend to keep the message in their mind. The researcher believe that other books like *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *Harry Potter*, and *Animal Farm* have more symbols that can be studied to enrich student in learning literature.