

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

By analyzing and interpreting Steve Rogers' actions and statements in *Captain America: The First Avenger*, this undergraduate thesis concludes that Steve has proven the characteristics of Self-reliance as proposed by Emerson. Steve has proven that he has the characteristics of having an (1) individual's strong will, (2) originality and creativity, and (3) self-reliance. By showing all of these qualities, Steve is proven as someone who believes in himself. He is being original in finding his ways to become a hero, and thus is acknowledged as a self-reliant individual. Proof of his actions were as follow:

First, in following his own will or instinct, he was ambitious to join in the army. While others were doubting him because of his numerous health problems and his physically skinny body, Steve trusts highly in himself by illegally enlisting himself in the army.

Second, Steve is a person who develops his own confidence and integrity, by showing how creative and innovative he can be. Whenever people doubted him, Steve always has ways to prove that he is worthy to become a leader. In gaining people's trust, Steve shows his braveness to others, like his way of jumping over a fake grenade. When he felt he was in danger, he still showed a sense of calmness even though what he was about to face was risking his life to death, like his airplane crash into the ice.

Third, Steve shows how self-reliant he is in his own decision by following his ambition and belief in himself. He always believes that people always have a right to make their own decisions. This is why Steve accepted to be the first person to be experimented on as a super soldier. He believes that it is better to risk his own life rather than risking other people's lives.

