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## ABSTRACT

People, commonly, have a feeling of inferiority. Then they determine goals in their life to overcome the feeling and try to achieve those goals. The same way is undergone by Johnny Cade as told in S.E.Hinton's *The Outsiders*. This research is purposed to understand the factors that influence Johnny's feeling of inferiority, his goals of superiority and the way he strives for superiority. The method of research is qualitative method. Close-reading technique is applied to collect the data. This research uses psychology of literature as the approach. Then Alfred Adler's Individual Psychology is applied to understand the factors influencing Johnny's feeling of inferiority, his goal of superiority and the way he strives for superiority. It is found that the neglected lifestyle with family's bad influence and enemy's terror is the factor influencing Johnny's feeling of inferiority, Dallas Winston is the role model of goal of superiority, and efforts to protect society is the way Johnny strives for superiority. In conclusion, though Johnny has the neglected lifestyle, he is still a healthy individual. He has overcome his inferiority with goal of superiority that motivates him to make contribution for social benefit.

Keywords: *The Outsiders*, Greasers, feeling of inferiority, goal of superiority, striving for superiority

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### ABSTRAK

Pada umumnya, manusia memiliki perasaan rendah diri. Kemudian manusia menetapkan tujuan-tujuan dalam hidupnya untuk mengatasi perasaan tersebut dan berusaha menggapai tujuan-tujuan tersebut. Hal itu juga dilakukan oleh Johnny Cade seperti yang diceritakan dalam novel *The Outsiders* karya S.E.Hinton. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi perasaan rendah diri yang dimiliki Johnny, tujuan superioritasnya, serta perjuangannya ke arah superioritas. Metode yang diterapkan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode kualitatif. Data dikumpulkan dengan menggunakan teknik membaca teliti. Pendekatan teori yang digunakan adalah psikologi sastra. Selanjutnya Teori Psikologi Individu yang dicetuskan oleh Alfred Adler diterapkan untuk memahami faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi perasaan rendah diri Johnny, tujuan superioritasnya dan perjuangannya ke arah superioritas. Ditemukan bahwa gaya hidup terlantar dengan pengaruh buruk keluarga dan ancaman dari pihak lawan menjadi faktor yang mempengaruhi perasaan rendah diri Johnny, Dallas Winston adalah model atas tujuan superioritasnya dan usaha-usaha perlindungan masyarakat yang dilakukan Johnny menjadi perjuangan ke arah superioritas yang ia lakukan. Dapat disimpulkan bahwa Johnny tetaplah seorang individu yang sehat meskipun memiliki gaya hidup terlantar. Dia telah mengatasi perasaan rendah dirinya dengan tujuan superioritas yang memotivasinya untuk memberikan sumbangsih terhadap kebaikan sosial.

Kata kunci: *The Outsiders*, *Greaser*, perasaan rendah diri, tujuan superioritas, perjuangan ke arah superioritas.

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*Cilacap Bercahaya, Sesanti Kita Semua*

Thou knowest all; I cannot see.

I trust I shall not live in vain,

I know that we shall meet again,

In some divine eternity.

(Oscar Wilde-The True Knowledge)

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Background of Study

People are considered as social beings. They need one another to maintain their life. Furthermore, as the social being, people cannot be separated from the society and environment around them. They are born and grew up in certain society and environment. As life goes on, people in society may feel weak, afraid and think that they can not succeed the world. It is for sure that each people have their own weakness and fear. People may be born in imperfect condition either physically-such as one-legged, blind, deaf and mute, and many more-or mentally like having phobia, trauma, bad memories, or living in hard condition, etc. This feeling is commonly-known as feeling of inferiority.

The feeling of inferiority is discussed in some fields. In psychological field, Alfred Adler writes about concept of inferiority in the preface of his book entitled *Understanding Life*. He mentions that concept of inferiority is closely connected with personal goals and purpose. He argues that biologically, people are inferior to nature. People will be ill, old and die. People are afraid of the elements and have to build houses to protect themselves. He says that things and countless others are greater than people themselves that makes people inferior in positive sense. And yet there are perceived inferiorities which are by their negative nature. One of these is the myth of social inferiority, where mankind believes that

certain people are 'worse' than others, worth less than other people (Adler,1997:xiv).

Furthermore, he explains in his book that people's physical and intellectual inferiorities are factual, and natural. He says that people feel inferior when they are children. As they grow up, people lose their sense of inferiority and as social beings, people do not let others see the way they feel inferior. They try to cover the feeling by establishing and showing some forms of superiority. In other words, people are moving from a feeling of not being good enough to a belief that they are indeed good enough (Adler, 1997:xiv).

Feeling of inferiority is not only found and explained in psychological field like Adler's concept of Individual Psychology. It is found in literary field and explained as well in some literary works such as poetry, drama, film and especially prose. One kind of prose is novel. Abrams explains,

The term "novel" is now applied to a great variety of writings that have in common only the attribute of being extended works of fiction written in prose. As an extended narrative, the novel is distinguished from the short story and from the work of middle length called the novelette; its magnitude permits a greater variety of characters, greater complication of plot (or plots), ampler development of milieu, and more sustained exploration of character and motives than do the shorter, more concentrated modes (2009:226).

The writer is interested to analyze a novel because it serves many space for the readers to imagine how the situation is built by words. It gives such special impression for readers. Novel also contains conflicts more than short story. The

dynamics of plot (or plots) in novel are more suspenseful and interesting that make the reader keep reading or re-reading.

It is along with Culler's opinion. He assumes that by reading novel, people can recognize the way they are. Since novel is considered as the model of society's portrayal more than any other literary works, especially in the written ones (2002:221). Novel is also conventionally related to the world which is not provided in poetry (Culler, 2002:222). It can not be denied that novel is proper portrayal of a certain society, which includes teenagers' life.

According to Cox, term "teenager" starts to be likely well-known in 1950s. She argues that this term refers to tremendous population of this age category. Actually, for Cox, the male teenagers are expected to be more militant and the female ones are well-prepared as housewives. However, as the economy gets better, people start to experience a great deal of economic power. So do the teenagers. Thus, she assumes that teenagers starts to be more independent and free in 1950s ([http://www.lotl.com/fifties\\_history/Teenage\\_Life\\_in\\_the\\_1950s.htm](http://www.lotl.com/fifties_history/Teenage_Life_in_the_1950s.htm)). The potrait of teenagers' life in 1950s is found in a novel entitled *The Outsiders*.

*The Outsiders* is a novel written by Susan Eloise Hinton or S.E.Hinton. It is about a group of teenagers from lower socio-economic class, which is mentioned as "Greasers". They live in America around 1950s to 1960s. The group members are: The Curtis Brothers; Darrel, Sodapop, and Ponyboy, Dallas Winston, Keith "Two-Bit" Matthews, Johnny Cade and Steve Randle.

Some of them are from broken home family and the others are abandoned by their parents or lived by themselves after their parents' death. Most of them are also not well-educated teenagers. They spend their time together by smoking cigarette, robbing shops, drinking, or brawling. They arm themselves with guns or switch blades.

The story flows as the hostility between the two groups, namely Greasers and Socs. Socs, who come from the rich family often underestimate Greasers. They believe that Greasers are always being trash for the society because Greasers came from the lower socio-economic class.

This assumption becomes the reason for Socs to bully and oppress Greasers. They often tease and mock Greasers while they wear good clothes- mentioned as *Madras*- and ride cool car. They jump over a member of Greasers who is walking alone in the city then they hit him together or they use blades to scratch his body. Then, they leave in evil laughter. Greasers never stand still when one of them is attacked. They attack back and chase them away.

This novel implies friendship as the moral value because the characters are friends to one another. Moreover, the gang is not merely a bunch of teenagers that live in the same neighborhood. Since they grow up and have faced many things together, they are closer than family or siblings. They help those who are trapped in a big problem and overcome the problem together. They also calm those who worry and feel afraid of something that had happened to them.

This novel portrays the life of teenagers around 1950s to 1960s. Teenagers' life at that time is not easy. Social issues such as racism and different socio-economic status become such boundaries that harden teenagers' life. People often assume that those who come from high socio-economic class or those who are white people are superior at that time. It means they can do whatever they want and exploit those who came from the lower class. It also causes some problems such as criminal case, rumble or others. These issues make the novel interesting to read and analyze. People can learn how the teenagers face the issues and overcome the problem caused.

*The Outsiders* is considered as the pioneer of Urban Young-Adult Literature. For Sandra Hughes-Hassell and Sandy L. Guild, *The Outsiders* is one of the two particularly noteworthy novels in 1967 along with Lipsyte's *The Contender*, a novel about a teenager who joins boxing club instead of gangster and drugs. It is stated that 1967 is regarded as the birth of new realism in young adult literature (Donelson and Nilsen 1997). They said,

Both novels presented the life of urban youth—a population that had been ignored in young adult literature to that point. Hinton and Lipsyte understood that urban youth, just like other adolescents, want to see their world represented in literature. Both realistically depicted the lives of urban teens who instead of living in "idyllic and pleasant suburban homes," grew up in harsh and difficult places" (Donelson and Nilsen 1997, 86). Hinton introduced us to the hostility and violence that often exists between social

classes(<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/v29n3/hassell.html>).

*The Outsiders* is also a well-appreciated novel. According to the American Library Association, books usually are challenged with the best intentions—to protect others, frequently children, from difficult ideas and information (<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/about>). *The Outsiders* gets the 38<sup>th</sup> rank in 100 most frequently challenged books:1990-1999 by the American Library Association (ALA), beats some other famous novels such as Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*-which gets the 40<sup>th</sup> rank, *Harry Potter* series by J.K Rowling in the 48<sup>th</sup> place, or even one of Twain's masterpieces-*The Adventure of Tom Sawyer*-which is 83<sup>rd</sup> ranked (<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/100-most-frequently-challenged-books-1990%E2%80%931999>).

Since it is considered as the pioneer of Urban Young Adult Literature and it is well-appreciated as the 38<sup>th</sup> of 100 most frequently challenged books according to ALA, *The Outsiders* achieves some award. As Baldassaro (2011) states,

*The Outsiders* has won the *New York Herald Tribune Best Teenage Books List* (1967) and the *Chicago Tribune Book World Spring Book Festival Honor Book* (1967). It has also won the *Media and Methods Maxi Award* and was named one of the *ALA Best Young Adult Books*, both in 1975. In 1979, it won the *Massachusetts Children's Book Award*(<http://bannedbooks.world.edu/2011/05/08/banned-books-awareness-outsiders/>).

Most of the characters in this novel are teenagers. Eventhough they are still young, they have to face difficult situation: poverty, lack of education and parents' affection, hostility between the two groups, etc. Among the gang members, Johnny Cade has the most difficult situation. Besides living in poor neighborhood, Johnny is uneducated. He is abandoned by his parents. He also gets terror from Socs. It is very hard for a sixteen years old boy like Johnny. It also influences Johnny's personality. He becomes inferior rather than the other gang member.

However, as a healthy individual, Johnny always seeks for the meaning in his life and goal of perfection. He always imagines a better world for him and other people. He also considers others' rather than himself, which means he has good social interest. By taking a look from his bitter experiences, he strives for goal in his life. He wishes a better life so he strive for it. It is suitable with a verse in The Holy Koran below.

...إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّى يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ... ﴿١١﴾

*...Allah does not change a people's lot unless they change what is in their hearts...Rad: 11(Ali, 1987:114).*

That verse implies a command for people to make any change to improve their life. It is suitable with Johnny's will to change his life to better one. Then, Johnny's will is also along with Adler's concept of Individual Psychology. His bitter experiences and hard condition influence his inferiority. His goal of life is his goal of superiority. His will to change his life is the way he strives for

superiority. Thus, it is suitable to apply Adler's Individual Psychology in analyzing Johnny's personal dynamics. The writer also applies Psychology of Literature as theoretical approach in this research.

## **1.2. Research Questions**

The writer formulates 3 research questions that are along with the theory and approach applied in this research, namely:

1. What are the factors of Johnny Cade's inferiority?
2. How is Johnny's perspective of being superior?
3. How does Johnny strive to achieve superiority?

## **1.3. Objectives of Study**

This research has several objectives of study:

1. Finding the factors of Johnny's inferiority.
2. Defining Johnny's perspective of superiority.
3. Describing Johnny's action to strive for superiority.

## **1.4. Significances of Study**

This research is important for some reasons. This research is about the cause of someone's inferiority, his perspective of superiority, how he deals his inferiority and his action to strive for superiority. In other words, someone's goal of life is discussed in this research.

Theoretically, this research can enrich the readers' knowledge and insight in understanding themselves and their life. It also can help the readers to understand how someone is overcoming his weakness by striving for superior feeling or goal of perfection.

Practically, this research can enlighten the students' and lecturers' insight and perception about using Psychology of Literature and Adler's concept of Individual Psychology in literary works. Hopefully, this research becomes one of priceless study in the future.

### **1.5. Literature Reviews**

The writer has found some researches about *The Outsiders* after doing some searching in the internet. The first one is an article journal entitled *De-egocentricity and Socialization: A Study of Hinton's The Outsiders* by Dan Shi from Division of English Language Education, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China. This paper discusses about the adolescent development in the novel as the main theme according to psychoanalytic theories. Its purpose is to reveal the main characters' process of de-egocentricity and socialization according to Jean Piaget's theory. It serves a new perspective of understanding the teenagers life as portrayed in the novel to the readers (Shi, 2014:1).

The second research is a thesis under title *Using Young Adult Literature and Literary Theory to Teach Middle School Students: How to Read Through Critical Lenses* by Kathleen O'Connell King from School of Education and Counseling Psychology, Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA. She uses *The Outsiders* as one of her learning media in teaching middle school students because *The Outsiders* is considered as the turning point of Young Adult Literature in 1967 (King, 2001:12).

The third one is a paper entitled *Institutionalizing The Outsiders: YA Literature, Social Class, and the American Faith in Education* by Eric L. Tribunella from Department of English, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, USA. This paper discusses about the representation of American teenagers' life in that era, how the different social class and status influence their life, and how this novel becomes one of school reading lists and educational curricula throughout the United States (Tribunella, 2006:1).

However, the writer has different way in analyzing *The Outsiders*. The writer focuses on relation between feeling of inferiority and goal of superiority that is discussed in Alfred Adler's concept of Individual Psychology. It is applied in analyzing the supporting character of the novel, Johnny Cade.

## **1.6. Theoretical Approach**

### **1.6.1. Psychology of Literature**

Psychology of literature, according to Wiyatmi (2011:6), comes out as one of literary criticism genres which is used to read and interpret a literary work, its authors and readers with psychological concepts and theories. Furthermore, Rene Wellek and Austin Warren in their book entitled *Theory of Literature* explain that term "Psychology of Literature" possibly has four definitions: 1) Psychological study of a writer as an individual, 2) Creative process study, 3) Study of psychological type and laws applied in literary works, and 4) Studying the influence of literature for readers. They argue that the third definition is the closest from literature. The others are parts from psychology art (2014:81). The

writer applies the third definition in this research because the writer is going to apply a theory of psychology in this research. The writer uses it as the connector to correlate the subject and the theory, which is Alfred Adler's Individual Psychology.

### **1.6.2. Individual Psychology**

The theory applied in this paper is Individual Psychology of Alfred Adler. Alfred Adler (1870-1937) was born as the second child of a Jewish merchant family in a suburbia of Vienna. He became a doctor then he studied Freud's theories of psychology. He attended Freud's group discussion and became the President of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society in 1910. However, after he realized that his thought and concept were different with Freud and Jung, he decided to resign from the society and develop his own concept of psychology. He formed the Society for Individual Psychology, which emphasized on the importance of larger view and perspective of human psychology. He died in 1937 because of heart attack when he attended a lecture tour to Scotland. He is regarded as one of the three great fathers of modern psychology (Adler, 1997:i)

In his book entitled *Understanding Life*, Adler explains the concept of Individual Psychology,

Individual Psychology is a system through which people can be understood. It is of particular value in the worlds of counseling and psychotherapy, education, organizational life and self-help. It is a philosophy, a view of the future and a way of helping us to make sense of how we and other people have become who and how we are.

Individual Psychology is a social psychology, it sees people as being fully functioning units who somehow have to cope with living together on a planet. It is indisputable that we need each other, for without each other we would not survive.

Individual Psychology teaches us that we are all goal-directed beings, that is we move purposefully through life towards goals which attract us. Individual Psychology, then, does not regard people as being driven by the past, but rather as being attracted by the future, a future which they create for themselves (Adler, 1997: xi-xii).

This concept focuses on how people deal with their environment, how they make themselves useful for society by using their social interest. Adler elaborates that his concept of Individual Psychology is about effort to see individual lives as a whole, and regards each single reaction, each reaction and stimulus as an expression of an individual's attitude to his life. It is such a science of necessity practical and pragmatic, for with the aid of knowledge we can change and correct our attitudes (Adler, 1997:1).

He argues that the science of Individual Psychology developed out of an effort to understand the mysterious creative power of life- the power expressed in the desire to develop, to strive and to achieve, and to compensate for defeats in one area by striving for success in another. He says that this power is *teleological* – which expresses itself in the striving for a goal, and in this striving every physical and psychological attribute co-operates. For him it is absurd to study either physical or mental conditions abstractly if they are not related to the individual as a whole (Adler, 1997:2).

For Adler, all organs in the body strive to develop definite goals; they have precise forms to be achieved upon maturity. Life always seeks for survival, and

the life force never yields to external obstacles without a struggle. He also argues that psychological developments are analogues to organic ones. In his opinion, each mind forms a conception of a goal or ideal, a means to get beyond the present state and to overcome present deficiencies or difficulties by formulating a particular aim for the future. By means of this particular aim or goal, individual can think and feel themselves superior to present difficulties because they have future success in mind. Without this sense of a goal, individual activity would be meaningless (Adler,1997:3).

Adler's concept of Individual Psychology is suitable to explain Johnny's life in *The Outsiders*. The writer is going to determine Johnny Cade's inferiorities and the way he strives for superiority in S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* by using Adler's Individual Psychology.

## **1.7. Method of Research**

The writer explains the steps taken during holding this research. This part consist of some elements in doing a research, namely: type of research, data sources, data collection technique, and data analysis technique.

### **1.7.1. Type of Research**

In holding this research, the writer applies qualitative method. For Sugiyono, qualitative method is a new one because it starts to be known nowadays (2011:7). He also argues that this method is also well-known as some methods. As naturalistic method because the research is done in natural setting. As ethnographic method because it is frequently used in research of cultural-anthropology and as qualitative method because the collected data and the analysis is qualitative.

He mentions that human becomes main instrument of the research. Thus, the researchers should master theories and knowledge so they are able to ask some questions, analyze, take photographs and construct a social situation which are going to be analyzed become clear and meaningful (2011:8). This method, he continues, is applied to get the exact and real data. Thus, this method focuses on meaning instead of generalization (2011:9).

### **1.7.2. Data Sources**

The writer takes some data and classifies them to the main data and the secondary data. The main data are taken from S.E.Hinton's novel *The Outsiders*. Originally, it is published by Viking Press in 1967. In 2006, it is re-published by SPEAK. The secondary data are taken from some papers, for instance: article journals and thesis, and websites related to the subject of this research:*The Outsiders*.

### **1.7.3. Data Collection Technique**

The writer applies close reading technique to collect the data. For Fisher and Frey, close reading is also well-known as analytic reading in some circles. They argue, "In close reading, the reader has to develop a fairly sophisticated understanding of what the author actually said." (2013:57). It means, the reader must pay attention to each detail which is provided by the author in his writing. The writer applies this technique to understand Johnny's parts in the novel then collect them as data that are going to be analyzed.

#### **1.7.4. Data Analysis Technique**

Since descriptive qualitative method is applied in this research, the writer follows several steps in analyzing the data.

- 1) In-depth analysis: In this step the writer identifies Johnny Cade's character by separating Johnny's part to the other character. Thus, Johnny's problems are able to be understood in easier way. As the next step of in-depth analysis, the writer relates Johnny's problem to Adler's concept of Individual Psychology. The writer interprets Johnny's life style and classifies it into the neglected life style. The writer finds Johnny's primary goal of perfection by finding his admiration to Dallas Winston. Finally, the writer classifies some of Johnny's action to the way he strives for superiority
- 2) Concluding: In this part, the writer draws the conclusion of the research.

#### **1.8. Paper Organization**

This paper consists of four chapters. The first chapter is introduction, including background of study, problem statements, objectives of study, significances of study, literature review, theoretical approach, method of research, and paper organization. The second chapter elaborates the intrinsic elements of the novel including: theme, plot summary, character and characterization, setting, and point of view. The third chapter is the analysis of factor of Johnny Cade's inferiority, his perspective of being superior, and strivings for superiority. The last

chapter contains the conclusion of the research and suggestion for the next research with the same subject or object.



## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The writer describes conclusions of the research in this chapter. The conclusion is drawn based on Alfred Adler's concept of Individual Psychology which is applied in analyzing the character of Johnny Cade. There are also some suggestions for the next students who are interested to analyze Hinton's *The Outsiders* or to apply Adler's Individual Psychology in analyzing fictional character of literary works in this chapter.

#### 4.1. Conclusion

The writer has applied Adler's Individual Psychology is applied to analyze the character of Johnny Cade. By applying this concept, the writer is able to find out the factors that cause Johnny's feeling of inferiority. Johnny is a teenager with the neglected life style. His neighborhood is not healthy for his personality because it is a poor and uneducated neighborhood. His parents, who should have been his protectors, treat him badly. They are often being so rude to him that make he feels abandoned and unwanted. Terrors and threats of Socs increase his fear. So, the neglected lifestyle with bad family and terrors of the enemy is the factor that causes Johnny's inferiority.

Since he has feeling of inferiority, Johnny as a healthy person has social interest and a goal of superiority. He wants a better life. He wants to be useful and

helpful to the society. He also has a role model of superiority: Dallas Winston. He assumes that by being brave as Dallas, he could be a hero and have a better life.

Then he does some actions to achieve his goal. It is considered as his striving for superiority. He uses his social interest to overcome some problem such as protecting Cherry from Dally, protecting Ponyboy from Socs' attack, and protecting children from the burnt church. He also uses his social interest by considering his friends' importance beside of his own. Finally he can achieve his goal of superiority by being so useful for society. Being the best for society is also proposed in Islamic Perspective. As Rasulullah (Peace Be upon Him) says, "The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind." (Daraqutni, Hasan, <http://www.ummah.com/forum/showthread.php?245725-100-Hadiths-About-Being-the-Best!>)

By learning Johnny's case, the writer has proven Adler's theory of Individual Psychology. People's inferiority is able to be seen in Johnny's self. As a teenager with neglected life style, Johnny becomes inferior. Family situation and social relationship which are not supportive influence his inferiority. However, Johnny is a healthy individual. He seeks a goal of superiority to overcome his hard life. Thus, Dallas Winston, who has the similar life style, becomes his model of superiority. Besides the similar life style, Dallas' heroism impress and motivates Johnny to strive for superiority. Then, by using his social interest, Johnny does some actions that bring benefit to the society. In doing those actions, Johnny becomes unselfish. He thinks the others' more than himself. He sacrifice himself to save the others' life. His sacrifice is proof of his superiority. It can be

concluded that those who are inferior can be superior by having goal of perfection. As long as they have social interest, the way they strive for superiority can bring benefit for society. It is shown by Johnny in this novel.

In the other hand, people's feeling of inferiority and command to strive for superiority are also implied in the Holy Koran, Suraa Saba verse 50:

قُلْ إِنْ ضَلَلْتُ فَإِنَّمَا أَضِلُّ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي وَإِنِ اهْتَدَيْتُ فَبِمَا يُوحِي إِلَيَّ رَبِّي إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ

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Say: "If I am astray, I only stray to the loss of my own soul: but if I receive guidance, it is because of the inspiration of my Lord to me: it is He Who hears all things, and is [ever] near." (Ali, 1987:214)

In this verse, it is implicitly stated that people have their own natural inferiority. Thus, they are commanded to seek for goal of superiority and strive for it to be superior. However, it depends on people's way to face their own inferiority. If they see their inferiority as something bad and also do not have social interest, they tend to have inferiority complex. In other hand, if they compensate their inferiority with some actions that are not supportive with social interest, they tend to have superiority complex. There is also model of individual with superiority complex in this novel. Therefore, the further research of this novel with the same theory can be done in another occasion.

#### 4.2. Suggestion

Hinton's *The Outsiders* has some uniqueness that can be analyzed using various theories. For instance, characters' utterances can be analyzed using pragmatic theories such as: theory of implicature, politeness strategies, theory of speech act, etc. The language used by characters of the novel is able to be analyzed using sociolinguistics theories. The other theories: both literature and linguistic, are able to be applied as well in analyzing this novel.

Adler's concept of Individual Psychology is also interesting and beneficial because it gives new point of view to understand people as individual. It can be applied in wide area of literary works. It can be a brand new perspective for the other students who are interested in psychology of literature.

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