

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter the researchers presents conclusions and suggestions of the whole research.

5.1 Conclusion

From the analysis, Maui's characterization in Moana shows a clear transformation from an arrogant, narcissistic, and selfish demigod into a more responsible and self-aware individual. At the start, Maui constantly boasts about his achievements, interrupts Moana, and avoids responsibility, especially regarding the stolen Heart of Te Fiti. His arrogance hides deep insecurity caused by being abandoned as a child, which makes him rely heavily on his magical hook for his sense of worth. Over time, his interactions with Moana challenge his ego and force him to face his fears and weaknesses.

As the story progresses, Maui begins to show signs of change. He moves from only thinking about himself to cooperating with Moana in dangerous situations, even risking his life to help her. His return to fight Te Kā despite the risk of losing his hook demonstrates growth, courage, and a shift in priorities. This change reaches its peak when Maui sincerely apologizes to Te Fiti, admitting his past mistake without excuses. By the end, Maui's journey reflects the idea that true strength comes from humility, responsibility, and the willingness to make amends.

Overall, Maui's characterization is a layered blend of pride, insecurity, and eventual redemption. His development not only enriches the story but also shows

that even deeply flawed individuals can change when given the chance to reflect, accept their mistakes, and choose a better path.

5.2 Suggestion

Future character analyses of Maui could explore his development in more depth by connecting his arrogant traits directly to his abandonment trauma and how this shapes his decisions. Highlighting how each major event in the story challenges and reshapes his sense of identity would make the analysis even stronger.

It would also be beneficial to compare Maui's characterization with other trickster figures in mythology and media. This comparison could provide a broader understanding of how Moana adapts the trickster archetype into a redemption arc, making Maui's journey unique while still rooted in familiar storytelling traditions.

