

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

In this chapter, the writer would conclude the analysis found in chapter three. Dealing with the analysis regarding the motive that drives Sam Gribley to survive in the wild and his struggle in the wild, the conclusion can be drawn as follow.

In *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craig, there are few motives that drive Sam to run away from his home at New York City and live in his Great-grandfather land at Catskill Mountain. According to the course of the book, the reason that motives Sam Gribley to run away from his home at New York City and live in his Great-grandfather land at Catskill Mountain, one of them is the story about his Great-grandfather's land at Catskill Mountain that he heard from his father. If Sam never heard the story about his Great-grandfather land, he would never want to run away. The land is also has been deserted for many years.

Sam is also has different passion from his Great-grandfather and his father. Although all of them have great sense for adventure, Sam is more like a land man than Sea man like his Great-grandfather or his grandfather. His desire to run away and have an adventure is also because his own place is uncomfortable. Sam Gribley lives with his parents and ten siblings in one roof. Surely that this is an uncomfortable place to live especially for a boy with great sense of adventure like Sam Gribley. As a 12 years' old boy, Sam Gribley also wants to prove his worth to his family. Usually a twelve years old boy to live with his family, depending on his parents to give him feed him, pay his tuition, free from responsible of work, hang out with other friend who are about his own age, eat junk food, watching TV, or just relax at home. But in *My Side of the Mountain* Sam isn't' like a normal kid. He doesn't want

to be depending on his family to feed him or hang out with kids of his age or be depending to the live that a city can provide.

Sam wants to be an independent person. Although he realize that living in the wild as a twelve year boy is a scary idea and could cause harm to himself. Sam Gribley always challenges himself to surpass his own ability in order to be a independent person. By challenging himself, Sam would know his own limit. By knowing his own limit, it helps him to develop him to be a stronger version of himself. Another reason that causes Sam Gribley to run away from home in New York and live the wild is because he is curious as to what it's like being a runaway. Running away from home makes Sam Gribley to face things that is entirely new to him. Facing new things is a perfect thing for a boy with a great sense of adventure like Sam Gribley and to him this is a great opportunity and experience that he would remember for the rest of his life.

In *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craig, living in the wild surely makes Sam Gribley have to struggle in order to survive. Sam Gribley's struggles can be seen as follow. Not only does Sam connect with nature in many ways throughout the book, but he also must try to conquer it. As he observes the wildlife, plants, and changing seasons around him, Sam learns how to survive by making use of his knowledge. In order to survive the wild, Sam needs a place to live, a place where he can sleep, store his foods, or hiding from others, and many others. In *My side of the mountain*, the place that Sam chooses as his house is an old, big Hemlock Tree. Due to the tree condition, Sam has to clean the tree before using it as house where he can live in it. In the course of the book, Sam uses his ax that he brought with him from his home in New York to dig out the insect and dust and rotten parts of the tree. Before Sam found the Hemlock tree as his house, it is said in the book that Sam made a tent to spend night before he continues his journey to find his Great-grandfather's farm. He made his first tent by leaning old limbs against a boulder that he found in the wilderness.

Subsequently, he also covered the limbs with more limbs from a hemlock tree. Although this initial attempt possessed some inadequacies, he felt quite enthusiastic. Although he made this tent, he was quite cold throughout the night. He was unable to make a fire, despite numerous attempts. Thus, he spent the entire night in his new tent while being “hungry, cold, and miserable.”