Perseverance Means Victory.

As is known to all, great novels always have a profound influence which last a lifetime on our characters. So in the semester, I studied in The Old Man and the Sea, written by a well-known American writer called Ernest Hemingway.

It was the last major work of fiction to be produced by Hemingway and published in his lifetime. For the mastery of the art narrative, recently demonstrated in this book, and for the influence that he has exerted on contemporary style, Hemingway was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. In a word, the outstanding work is well worth reading.

In this story, Santiago, an old and poor widow, had gone 84 days without bringing a fish back. At the very start, a boy called Manilion had followed him, but Santiago couldn't catch even one fish. The boy had gone at his parents' orders in a lucky boat which caught three pieces of fish the first week, after which the young boy was not allowed to stay with the old fisherman.

Although looked down by neighbors, on the eighty-fifth day, he kept going fishing alone, leaving the smell of the land behind and rowing out into the clean. Much to his surprise, he caught a tuna which he had never seen before and it was hard to believe that the tuna was even bigger than his boat. Nevertheless, the blood from the tuna left a trail for all sharks as wide as a highway, so fighting against sharks was inevitable. The result was that sharks ate up all the meat of the tuna and Santiago only brought the tuna skeleton back. Reaching home, he was still sleeping on his face, dreaming of lions and the boy was sitting by him watching him.

From my perspective, youth is the symbol of energy and hope. Lions appeared several times in Santiago's, which showed the young spirit of Santiago would never be low. As a youth, we are supposed to take the lead in full of motivation, passion, and hope, thus making ourselves role models to be followed.

The coming of the sharks can be thought as attack which can swallow your success and happiness. And I was deeply touched by his constant struggles and his persistent resolve to overcome the evils.

Such determination and optimism are exactly the virtues many young people lack nowadays. Remember that not everything goes as smoothly as we wish and that we have to bravely face and get over the stresses or obstacles we encounter in our life. Only those who are willing to explore and stick to their dreams could gain victory.