

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

The research entitled *A Comparative Study of Oedipus Complex in Eugene O'Neill's Desire Under the Elms and Sophocles' Oedipus Rex* focuses on the similarities and the differences of the Oedipus complex which is done by the main characters.

The research is done through some steps such as reading the plays, finding the data, and analyzing the data based on the problems. The data of the research obtains from the English plays entitled *Desire Under the Elms* written by Eugene O'Neill's and *Oedipus Rex* written by Sophocles. All of the related data in those two plays are used to support the analysis.

Some theories are applied to analyze the data in this research. They are theory of Psychoanalysis, theory of Oedipus complex and theory of characters. The theory of Psychoanalysis is applied to find parallelism between psychological aspects in the characterization in literary work and a view of psychology, while Oedipus complex describes about the sexual feeling of the boy toward the opposite sex parent and the rivalry of the child toward the same sex parent. The theory of characters is used to differentiate the characters in the play. Four kinds of approaches are also applied in this research. They are psychological approach, psychoanalytical approach, sociological approach and moral approach. Furthermore, library research is used to conduct the data.

There are two problems discussed in this research. The first is about the similarities of Oedipus complex in Eugene O'Neill's *Desire Under the Elms* and Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*. The similarities of Oedipus complex are divided into two main subchapters. Loving the mother and quarrelling with the father. Both of the main characters, Eben and Oedipus, experience the same things. They are quarreling with the father then love the mother. Eben meets Abbie, his step mother, and feels that he gets his mother's figure on Abbie. Besides that, Eben tries to possess all his father gets, including his father's woman. He, moreover, fall in love with Abbie and they make affair. The other main character is Oedipus. Oedipus comes to Thebes because he wants to prevent the oracle for coming true. He meets the old man in his way. They claim right of passing the way on the path. Oedipus, then, kills the man who is his own father. After getting success in answer the Sphinx's questions, he is offered to be a King of Thebes and married his own mother.

The second problem is the differences of Oedipus complex of Eben and Oedipus. They have different reason and way of possessing the mother and rebelling toward the father. Eben find his mother's affection on Abbie. Besides that, the older woman is considered as replacement of his mother because his mother died when he was child. It makes Eben decide to make affair with Abbie. Eben accuses his father as the one who causes his mother to death. Besides that, his father also wants to inherit the land and the properties. It causes him to possess everything that his father gets. Unlike Eben, Oedipus's fate brings him to the successful of answering the Sphinx's questions which makes him come to meet

and fall in love with Jocasta. Besides that, his fate brings him to be a King of Thebes and rules the kingdom for many years.

The analysis of the research is beneficial for those who are interested in literature especially in analyzing of Oedipus complex. Besides that, knowing the concept of the theory gives the profit for the reader who wants to analyze about Oedipus complex. Furthermore, the research gives the idea of conducting such a writing dealing with comparative study.

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