

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

Literary work is a work which expresses and communicates thoughts, feelings, and attitudes towards life through a written language. The authors tell people and the world around them in literature. Literature can be divided into three main branches. They are prose, poetry and drama. By reading and enjoying literature, people can entertain and enrich their experiences of life. Literature is one of the ways to refresh the people's mind if they are getting stressed. Therefore literature will make them have fun. Here, the drama entitled *Death of A Salesman* written by Arthur Miller is discussed. The discussion on this research are related to the American Dreams of Willy, Linda, and Biff Loman and the effects of the American Dreams toward their lives.

Some theories are used to analyze the problem of the discussion; they are the American Dream, Setting, (including the Era of 1940s). Besides, there are two approaches used to analyze the data. They are psychological and sociological approaches. Psychological approach is helpful to understand about study of human character that can influence someone's behavior and sociological approach which gives on understanding about the problem that related to society.

There are two problems in this research. The first problem is the American Dreams of the three characters. Willy wanted to be a successful person or salesman with being well liked. Willy, the chief character, was not a successful person as he claimed to his family and friends. He was obsessed to be well liked

and had personal attractive, so people would like him automatically. His entire life was according to his ideas about personal attractiveness and being well liked. In Willy's opinion becoming well liked was important because all of the doors would open automatically for him. And he quite encouraged his sons as a well liked. On the other hand, Biff had a dream to work in great outdoors. He preferred to enjoy working on a farm than in business and he wanted to have his own ranch. However, his father did not agree with his dream. His father had tried to bring up him in that same world but he could not keep up the false front, and Biff would not live that way. His father wanted Biff to become a successful businessman but he chose to be what he wanted; and Linda who expected a happiness of her family. She really wanted to see her family live happy.

The second is the effects of the American Dreams in the lives of Willy, Linda, and Biff Loman. The effects of Willy's dream to be a successful person are having illusion and becoming frustrated. He had illusion because he did not realize that he could not differentiate between the real life and his imagination. He had a tendency of living in the past and thinking of the future. Besides, becoming frustrated also went to Willy's life. Everything that had been experienced by Willy in his real life brought him to the failure. Everything did not come out as he had planned. He got downfall in his family. Hence, the effect of Biff's dream was getting bad relationship with Willy. Biff was pulled by two different dreams. One was his father's world of business and sales. However, another dreams involved nature, the great outdoors, and worked with his hand. Because of those, he had conflict with his pop. Then, the effect of Linda's dream was losing her love. She

really loved Willy but her great love had made her blind. She refused to see through her husband's lie. She supported Willy's dream. She just smiled when Willy talked unrealistically about hopes and future, although she seemed to have a good knowledge of what was really going on. She let Willy live in his wrong dream and did not want to disappoint Willy by telling the truth. Linda's act who did not want to tell the truth made Willy go so far in his dream and at the end he committed suicide.

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