

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

After conducting research on the main character in the memoir *Educated* namely Tara Westover using Erick Erickson's Psychosocial theory, the results of the research can be summarized as follows:

1. From analyzing the memoir *Educated*, the research found that the main character and also author of the memoir did not write the whole story which makes not all psychosocial phases appear in this memoir. The psychosocial phases of Tara Westover that appear in the memoir *Educated* so that it can be examined, are the preschooler phase (Locomotor-Genital), the schooler phase (Latency), the adolescence phase, and the Young Adulthood phase. The psychosocial phases of Tara Westover which are not appear in the memoir are the infancy phase (Oral-Sensory), the Early Childhood phase (Muscular-Anal), the Middle Adulthood phase and the Late Adulthood phase. The absence of this phase is because this memoir, which has a back-and-forth plot, only summarizes the story of Tara Westover from when she was 5 years old to her 30s.
2. Tara Westover's character development can be clearly seen from the results of this study, through the explanation of each psychosocial phase that has been passed by Tara Westover, it becomes clear that there has been a change in her personality and mindset. When the main character is in the preschooler (Locomotor-Genital) phase, parenting and social environment

make Tara Westover finally dominated by a sense of Initiative rather than feeling guilty. As the main character goes through the schooler phase (Latency), the pattern of education, moral and social values espoused in the environment in which Tara Westover grew up makes her dominated by feelings of Inferiority, rather than Industry. As the main character goes through an adolescent phase, the wider social environment, education experiences and the development of mindsets make Tara Westover dominated by Identity, meaning that she manages to find her identity instead of experiencing role confusion. And, in the Young Adulthood phase, the social environment, the level of education obtained and the positive encouragement that comes from the main character herself and the people closest to her made Tara Westover get Intimacy domination, instead of being isolated.

B. Suggestion

After analyzing and conduct the conclusions from the research on the development of Tara Westover's character in memoirs written by the main character herself, here are some suggestions that can be given from this research activity:

- a. Students : Through this research, both Educated memoir books used as data and psychosocial theories applied to analyze it, both are suggested to be read by students because it will be very useful to increase knowledge and develop mindsets, especially for English Literature students. This paper will

show the wealth of literary works that have various forms, lessons, and theories of analysis.

- b. Readers : The psychosocial theory used in this study is a theory of the social environment and psychology that is very useful to be applied in family life. Especially because the data of this study is also a true story, readers are suggested to read the results of this study so as to find the importance of psychosocial value which can be applied in improving parenting, readers are also suggested to read the story of Tara Westover in the memoir *Educated* because there are many life lessons that can be obtained from the book.
- c. Other Researcher : Research of literary works, especially about characters and characterizations, can be said either easy or complex depending on what theory is used to examine it. When using Erick Erikson's psychosocial theory, at first glance, this theory of character development seems light and easy to understand, however, according to experiences, since conducting the research, this theory is broader and deeper but needs to be understood profoundly. For further research of literary works in the future, it is suggested to add references from explanations of theory and its application. This theory will be more meaningful when applied to examine real life story, if it is fiction then the best data used is prose fiction in the form of 'Roman (Indonesia translated).