

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

After analyzing *August: Osage County*, the writers discovers several findings that is answered the research questions of this research. First, the writer found that Tracy Letts propose the parenting styles by Diana Baumrind in the play. There are three types of parenting styles; *authoritative, authoritarian, and permissive*. The character of parents in this play represents each styles. The authoritative parental could be seen in Violet to her middle daughter, Ivy. The writer believes that Violet became affectionate towards Ivy because She is the only child who taking care of her. Next, Letts represents the authoritarian parental through Mattie Fae to Little Charles. She has high on demandingness towards Little Charles but does not give him encouragement properly. Little Charles lived under a lot of judgment and evaluations from his mother. Last, the permissive parental is obviously shown in the way Barbara treats her teenage daughter, Jean Fordham. The lack of expectation and supervision towards her child made her being the neglect parent who tends to avoid confrontation with her child's unacceptable behavior.

Second, the writer found several points of children's qualities based on the parenting styles they received. Ivy who received authoritative parenting from Violet became a caring and decent person. However, Little Charles becomes anxious and suffered low-esteem because his mother treats him harshly with an authoritarian style. Jean has grown up with poor emotional regulation and was rebellious because her mother do not give her proper nurturing in her teenage life. Barbara suffered from complicated emotions because the pressure of being the

oldest daughter makes her married life a complex situation. It also happens to Karen, the youngest Weston became a dependent woman who always needs a man in her life to complete her needs of seeking attention. So, the writer argues that the quality of children depends on the parenting style they got.

The relation between the author and his work cannot be dismissed. By applying the expressive approach and sociology of literature the writer concludes that the story of *August: Osage County* is a reflection of Tracy Letts' experience. He gets the inspiration to write this play because all characters in this play were based on him and his family. The character of Beverly is reflection of his grandfather and Violet is his grandmother who suffered cancer and take pills and the character of Barbara represents Letts' mother who suffered from emotional damage from her mother. The writer argues that the character of Jean is reflection of Letts the most because of his position as a grandson. In conclusion, this play does not only promote one style of parenting, the author criticizes all of the styles equally. It can be seen from many characters of parents who treated their children differently.

