

CHAPTER 4

CONCLUSION

The result of this study shows that Charlie Gordon is a mentally retarded man in New York who want to be a genius man. Charlie have *Language deficit*, a symptom of disabilities mental. This symptom makes Charlie cannot write with right spell. However, Charlie is a spirit man who wants to improve himself. Since childhood, Charlie was supported by his parents to be smart although his mother rebukes him because of his disability. At the age thirty two, Charlie offered from his teacher in the Beekman College Center for Retarded Man to be an object of experimental surgery. That surgery runs successful and Charlie becomes a genius man. Although, the process is not running easily. Charlie must feel of loneliness, depression and isolation from his friends and family. At the end of the story, his genius ability is not permanent. Little by little his ability gradually reduce and being dumb again.

Based on development theory by Erikson, this novel contains four stages. There are initiative versus guilt, industry versus inferiority, identity versus confusion and intimacy versus isolation. In stage initiative versus guilt, Charlie learns to do any good thing. In some case, his disability causes other people especially his family do not understand with his behavior. Otherwise, Charlie's guilt look more clearly when he scares to his mother. In stage of industry versus inferiority, Charlie learns about love, confidence and brave to expressing his feel. In other side, Charlie's inferiority happens when Charlie still cannot read and write and its make him fooled. In stage of

identity versus confusion, Charlie receive less attention from his family. Instead, he gets many bad experience from his family itself. That experiences creates Charlie's personality different with other adolescence. In stage of intimacy versus isolation, Charlie reach his desire to genius man. However, his attempt to reach it is not easy. Charlie must feel of loneliness, depression and isolation from his friends and family. Charlie also gets precious experience like feel in love, comfortable relationship with people around him.

