

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

The whole of this present study presents the analysis as well as discussion regarding Charlie's personality development in Stephen Chbosky's novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Charlie embarks on a remarkable journey of discovering himself and personal growth throughout the novel. At the beginning of the novel's chapter, Charlie's initial personality is an introverted teenager, an observant adolescent, and a mentally sensitive person who deals with the challenges of adolescence and the traumas of his past experiences. Charlie's tendency to be a wallflower who prefers being alone instead of engaging with his surroundings emphasizes his earlier concern regarding relationships with others and his inner feelings.

As the course of the story continues, changes in Charlie's environment, changes in significant people around Charlie, and changes in Charlie's self-concept serve a crucial role in Charlie's personality development. These three changes deliver him an awareness of development in his core personality, encouraging him to grow and develop with greater confidence regarding himself as well as his surroundings. Also, in the later parts of the novel, Charlie starts to be able to deal with his past trauma experiences and acknowledges the value of expressing his feelings rather than repressing them, owing to these three changes that occur in Charlie's journey of personality development.

With the help of those three changes in Charlie's journey, Charlie's personality development is categorized as change for the better, qualitative change, and slow change. Charlie encounters a variety of situations throughout the novel, including the occurrences correlated with his family members as well as his friends. Thus, all of these occurrences are what contribute the most to the development of his personality. It drives him to venture outside his comfort zone and embrace the uncertainty of life. Additionally, it provides him with significant insights into the intricacies of social interactions, which enable him to establish a more profound knowledge of himself and his surroundings.

Towards the novel's final chapter, Charlie has developed self-awareness regarding his personality development. Charlie starts to embrace his past experiences and acknowledges his journey ahead. This is shown in Charlie's developed personality, which includes being a sociable teenager, a self-assured adolescent, and a mentally thoughtful person. Charlie's journey to personality development demonstrates that changes in Charlie's environment, changes in significant people around Charlie, as well as changes in Charlie's self-concept serve as factors of his personality development. Charlie's journey in personality development serves as a heartbreaking message that the most challenging and distressing situations frequently lead to development in personality and that pursuing one's desire in life is a profoundly personal and continuing process.