

CHAPTER IV

C O N C L U S I O N

From the analysis, the writer can conclude that Lucas, a black man, is treated unjustly by the white people. Although there is not enough evidence to accuse Lucas Beauchamp as a murderer, the white people believe that Lucas has killed a white man, Vinson Gowrie. The white crowd is cruel and merciless. They don't care about Lucas or want to hear his explanation. They only think to punish Lucas with a death sentence without considering the truth. Only because Lucas is a black man, the white crowd convince Lucas is a murderer. The police, the jailer, even the lawyer, all believe that the crime has been committed by Lucas Beauchamp. Full of contempt and hatred, they one by one start to abuse Lucas Beauchamp.

The treatment of the white to the black, especially to Lucas Beauchamp, is influenced by the Southern racial code of Southern heritage. They believe that the black is inferior and the white is superior. This outlook has become tradition of Southern American white people. So, it is difficult to change it. In *Intruder in the Dust*, Chick Mallison, a Southern white man, is faced by a phenomenon. As a white boy, he can leave his racial code and as a human he cannot ignore the truth his heart

perceives. Finally, he convinces that the racial code of Southern Heritage is unjustifiable. Chick saves Lucas from being lynched and rejects his racial code.

APPENDIX