1. Yina Hwang\_ Jan 28, 2015
2. **Citation**: Williams Hames, The Principles of Psychology (New York: Henry Holt, 1890), 292-293
3. **Research Table**

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| Observation | Location | Interpretation |
| In this passage, the author claims that if someone asks you to choose one between a neat dress and tatty old clothes, you would definitely choose the former without any hesitation. | “We so appropriate our clothes and identify ourselves with them that there are few of us who……asked to choose between having a beautiful body clad in raiment perpetually shabby and unclean..….blemished form always spotlessly attired, would not hesitate a moment before making a decisive reply." | About this quotation, I personally think it is something everyone can relate to. Instinctively, people can feel confidence through their appearances and in a way, how we define ourselves can come from within and brought out to the surface to show our identities. |
| The author mentioned that our immediate family is a part of our very selves. The relationship amongst our immediate families and ourselves is something not only priceless but it is such a strong connection that it is as if we exist within each other by always keeping each other in our mind, heart, and soul. | “Our immediate family is a part of ourselves..….When they die, a part of our very selves is gone. If they do anything wrong, it is our shame. If they are insulted, our anger flashes forth as readily as if we stood in their place.” | I think this is really something about a basic instinct that people have. I strongly agree with this idea. From ancient times, people tend to protect their same race. Then what about for their family? In deed, a lot of people including me, think that family means something really important for them. |
| In this passage, the author claims that people are possessive about their own home. They are wary of strangers who come to their home. | "Our home comes next……feelings of affection: and we do not easily forgive the stranger….or treats it with contempt.” | I think this is a human instinct. People tend to protect their possessions. To protect something that is yours, is something really nature that happens to most people. |

4. **Write-up**:

The Principle of Psychology by Williams Hames mainly talks about the psychology of people and their instinct. So people feel possessive for the thing that they got it can be the clothing, their family, and it can even be their home. People might always choose something looks neat and fancy rather than wearing something looks dirty and shabby.[[1]](#footnote-1) No matter who it is, people think their family as a part of themselves, if their families are insulted, their anger flashes forth as readily as if they stood in their place.[[2]](#footnote-2) It also applies to their home. People do not easily forgive strangers for poaching on their preserves. This is something natural for us, human being.[[3]](#footnote-3) In other words, people always tend to protect the things they’ve got and they are wary of an aggression upon their estate.

People have feelings of affection about something they gained through their hard work. If something they possess has been destroyed, they may feel a part of themselves has also been destroyed. This is a human instinct that applies to everyone.

1. Williams Hames, The Principles of Psychology (New York: Henry Holt, 1890), 292-293 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Williams Hames, The Principles of Psychology (New York: Henry Holt, 1890), 292-293 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Williams Hames, The Principles of Psychology (New York: Henry Holt, 1890), 292-293 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)