

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter consists of third main part of to be discussed namely conclusion, suggestion, and reflection. The first part presents the conclusion based on the analysis of findings. The second part presents the suggestion for those who are willing to conduct the researcher and are interested to read this novel. The last part presents the reflection of the story.

5.1 Conclusion

The emotion is very essential for human life; human beings cannot be separated from the emotions of both positive and negative emotions. On the other hand, humans are required to manage his emotions well; hence it cannot give a negative impact for themselves and their environments. By reading a literary work of *Little Women*, the life experience of the author of this novel is described based on her true story. This novel presents how the impact and influence of emotions for the people. In this research, the researcher uses a psychological approach to know the emotions from the main character.

Josephine March or Jo, is a fifteen year-old girl of March family. She is the main character in this novel. She has brought up some interesting problems which had been researched. She has different personality from the other characters who distinguishes her emotions with her sister. Actually Jo is a person who is down to earth but she also has a quick temper and acts impulsively. Besides, she has a blunt nature which causes her trouble she does not always stop to think that it might not be wise to express her opinions of feelings in every situation. As a result, sometimes she feels getting the impact of moments and situations so deeply as if she has the greatest burden of the entire family. During her life time, Jo devours most of the book while exploring her writing passions and sells them out to different publishers. She takes a responsibility to support her family when there is no figure of a man, her father. Jo March has to deal with this challenging condition and she does everything to get a better life for family.

From the story of this novel, it brings out some conclusions about Josephine as a girl who is overwhelmed by various emotions. Josephine's emotions are categorized by both positive and negative emotions. They draw in this novel tremendously; the first part is positive emotions which cover love and enjoyment. She expresses her love by taking care of family to keep her attention to Marmee and showing Jo's grateful to have her. Her love also reveals that she is always respect to receive well every advice from her oldest

sister which indicates she has a sense of close to Meg. In another situation, she proves her affection as a reflection of love to provide support and comfort her sisters from all sorts of problems. At the same time, she also indicates her enjoyment through her speech to give idea for making the surprise to Marmee. Her expression in a good atmosphere makes her mother and sisters feel happy.

The second part is negative emotions which represent anger, sadness, and fear. Jo's anger expresses her complain about the poor condition in welcoming Christmas day at the beginning of the story. Sometimes, she gets frustrated which is also experienced by her sister because Jo realizes her family is poor. Her sadness expresses through her speech when Jo feels despair about herself. Jo thinks that her little amount of money is nothing to donate it. In fact, her tears can drop off unconsciously and feels upset after read the note from her mother. Besides, her fear reveals that her ignorance and bad temper make an incident to her sister. Not only that, she also gets worry when she does not find her mother everywhere around her house.

Josephine's emotion influences both positive and negative impacts of relationship with her family. The way of Josephine in showing her emotions sometimes makes people around her feel uncomfortable with her attitude. For instance, the good effect is from her positive emotion when she decides to take a responsibility to protect her family from the risks. It affects her family become amazed to her and more close each other. While the bad effect is proven from her negative emotion when she gets bad temper to her sister because she finds her collection of stories book is burnt by Amy. The expression of Josephine's emotion makes a bad impact to Amy so that they have different argument and influences Amy to against Josephine's ignorant.

5.2 Suggestion

After conducting the research, the researcher realizes that it is far from being perfect. Nevertheless, the researcher proposes some suggestions. It highly recommends *Little Women* be a primary resource as reference for other researcher who wants to analyze the novel *Little Women* since this novel is rich in meanings. There are many topics that can be analyzed in the *Little Women*, especially from the psychological point of view. The researcher has already analyzed the emotional as represented through the main character in this research. This emotion relates closely to family relationship. Therefore, for those who want to analyze this novel, the researcher recommends to make a further research from different point of view.

Besides, the readers also can get some knowledge from this novel which contains the way of life, culture, and moral values that could be taken from the story of this novel. The researcher hopes the readers get a lot of lessons and profound knowledge from this research.

5.3 Reflection

In Psychological and Educational field, they involve in the variety of components in social environments. One of them is students who are built from the cognitive and affective aspects. In this part, the researcher only focuses about the affective aspect. It is the capability of individuals to recognize their feeling toward their behavior that related to their own emotion and other people's emotion. The emotional information is important to guide them for thinking and building their behavior. In this matter, the individual should manage or adjust emotions to adapt in environments. The emotion itself can affect into students become successful of their future education.

Little Women's novel also contributes an obvious description about the Josephine's emotion that affected into her relationship among family members. From this novel, we can get a reflection that we should have a better understanding and empathy to take care and maintain the emotion.

On the other hand, by reading this novel, the students can determine how Josephine shows her effort to overcome the problems in her family. They also can see from Jo's habitual activity who loves literature, both reading and writing it. She composes plays and writes stories to be a great novel. Growing up with three sisters, Jo's emotion expresses equally loving to them, especially her mother. In education world, Jo can be an ideal model for them during the learning process for the students. Both positive and negative emotions bring them to encourage their opinion in the class.

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1. Biography of the author



Louisa May Alcott was born into a family of American transcendentalist, the second of four daughters. Transcendentalism was essentially a movement initiated in reaction to a feeling that society was eroding its mores and was consequently in need of reform. Alcott was therefore immersed in an environment of progressive thinking and intellectualization during her formative years. This included a strong moral objection to the notion of slavery, which would become the lynchpin of the American Civil War (1861-5). The Alcotts hid a runaway slave in their house in 1847 such was their level of commitment to the cause.

Apart from the Little Women trilogy, she wrote many other novels and children's stories, which are better known in the United States. She has written some books; *Jo's Boy*, *Good Wives*, *Little Man*, *Eight Cousins*, *An Old Fashioned Girl*, *Rose In Bloom*, *Hospital Sketches*, *Flower Fables*, *Under The Lilacs*.

2. Summary of the Novel

This novel tells a story about a family life that consists of mother, father and four daughters. At the beginning of the novel, readers can see that the family is rich. Unfortunately, one day, they have to live without their father, Mr. March. The situation is totally different where the father is not at home. The absence of Mr. March in the war gives a bad impact to the March family, especially in the financial condition. In a tough life, their mother, Mrs. March, has to work hard in order she can survive and take care of the daughters. They can still share what they have with their neighbor even though they do not have much money. Mrs. March always teaches them to be a generous person. She guides them to behave as a good lady.

The daughters have a different character. Meg is a mature and mother-like, Jo is frank and down to earth but she has a quick temper and acts impulsively. Beth is shy, and the last is Amy, she is a little artist and immature. They make a newspaper for a week. Mrs. March cares for her family with her companion, Hannah.

In the Little Women, Josephine is a major character. She does a big sacrifice, she cuts her hair to help her mother in order they can get enough money to have a trip in looking for Mr. March. Civil war gives the family a bad condition but she can manage herself not to be arrogant even though she is tomboy. Actually, she acts at home as her father. Therefore,

Jo as the main character becomes the focus of this study. She has very different characteristics than the other main characters.