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This chapter is intended to conclude the analysis of the previous chapter. It also gives some suggestions which may be useful for those who are interesting in studying and analysing the novel from different angle of discussion.

5.1. Conclusion

This study discusses a novel entitled Little Women. Concerning with the objective of the study, the writer analyzes the main character, Jo March, to reveal the idea of feminine strength and independence on her character. The writer also analyzes the other characters' opinions about Jo March's feminine strength and independence.

Based on the first question on the statement of the problem, it is concluded that Jo March's character reveals the idea of feminine strength and independence because she can pass her life happily although actually it is hard to accompany her aunt who is fussy and makes her trotting all the time, and she also can adapt herself in that condition. Her sisters often groan about their hard life but she does not do the same thing. She even encourages them to stand in hard times and never gives up but tries to make progression to change their condition. She herself tries and makes efforts to reach her ambition to be a famous writer. She never gives up to realize it. She does not want to depend herself on the other person. When her father is ill, she sacrifices her hair in order to give the money for him. She does not want to borrow or depend on the other person so she decides to sell her own hair. She does not

show that she regrets her deed because she wants to get money with her own efforts although she is proud of her beautiful hair. She is willing to do something useful for her father. In other cases, she also shows her independent spirit as she does not want to depend on the other person to get succeed financially or in her career. She is not contented only to be a mother and housewife like the other girls do, but she wants to have a career to be a famous writer. She does not agree with the belief which says only man could play the role of taking care and supporting the family. She does not want to put herself in the position of needing the care and being supported by a man. Finally, she could take a successful step to achieve her ambition when her story publishes in the newspaper at the first time.

In relation with the second question on the statement of the problem, the other characters think about Jo March's feminine strength and independence. It can be seen that from Jo March's family, the three sisters and the parents have the same opinion that she has feminine strength and independence on her character. Jo surprises her family when she could sacrifice her beautiful hair for their father's sake. They are not only amazed because she is willing to sacrifice but also her boldness to cut her beautiful hair without any doubtness and fearness. It is difficult to do for a person specially a woman, for the reason that hair is an important part which can influence the beauty of a person and it functions as the crown of a person. They also consider that she is very talented in writing although she is a girl. Her younger sister, Beth, even considers her as Shakespeare because she can write good stories like him and she also believes that Jo is a very genius person who can do many things well. When Jo's story is published in the newspaper at the first

time, they are really astonished and admire her work very much. They are very proud of her. They realize that Jo can get succeed to achieve her ambition to be a famous writer because she can write splendid works. They know that she is an independent and tough person and it could be proved that her succeed which she gets is her own effort without depending on the other people's assistance. She works hard herself and never gives up to get succeed in writing. She also wants to support her family besides she wants to be independent if she has been a famous writer.

Laurie, the March girls' neighbor, sees Jo March as a brave, bright and independent girl. He admires her boldness in facing anything either little or big problems. It shows that she does not afraid of anything. Jo's talent and ability in writing stories also gives him the feeling of admiration. It makes Laurie sure that her story will be published successfully in the newspaper. Laurie is impressed on Jo's strong and independent character which seldom to be found on girls at that time. It makes him falling in love with her.

Laurie's grandfather, Mr Laurence, is impressed of Jo's boldness in reminding him and giving advice to make Laurie to be happy and what's good for him. In Mr. Laurence's opinion, Jo is very brave to express her idea freely because it is unusual for a girl to have any courage to express her opinion to an old gentleman. When he has a conflict with his grandson, Laurie, he believes in Jo very much so he asks her advice what he should do and follows it without doubtness. He appreciates her advice because it makes his relationship with Laurie being well. He considers Jo as a smart and wise girl so he does not mind to be managed by

her.

5.2. Suggestion

From the study of the main character, Jo March, on Louisa May Alcott's novel, the writer can learn more about feminine strength and independence which can be found on Jo March is character and the opinion of other characters about Jo March's feminine strength and independence.

In line with the study on Jo March 's character which reflects feminine strength and independence, the writer would like to suggest the students of the English Department of Widya Mandala University who are mostly women and interested in doing similar study with her to analyze literary works which are scoped around women's world, ideas expressions and roles in various fields of life in different era or the works which concern with feminism. It may broaden women's view to know the struggle of women in different era and places to have the same freedom to express their ideas, do the same job and have the same position with men. It also stimulates women to emancipate in giving contribution in various fields of life for the world's development.

Finally, the writer realizes the study may not be as perfect as expected. However, she hopes that the study will be beneficial for the reseachers who do the same study.

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