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ABSTRACT

This analysis aims to know two problems formulation to be analyzed. The first is “What are social inequality as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice novel?” and “What are woman’s struggle as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice novel?”

In writing this thesis conducted a library research to answer all the questions that are presented in the problem formulation. To get the feminism value the writer uses qualitative research as the method to analyze the relationship between social inequality and feminism theory.

Based on the analysis, the result of the study is follows. First, social inequality as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice novel, such as income, social status and talent. And the second answer about woman’s struggle as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice novel, such as struggle to against physical oppression and struggle to against psychological oppression.

Keywords: Social Inequality, Woman’s Struggle, Socialist Feminism, Novel.

INTRODUCTION

Literature is the expression of life in the world of truth and beauty; it is the writer record of man’s spirit of the thought, emotion, and expression. Literature is traditionally described as the body of writing that exists because of inherent imaginative artistic qualities. Literature can be described as something written though the process of imagination which is an imitation or a reflection from real life. These are many kinds of literary works, such as poems, novel, essays, and plays. Novel is one of literary work which gives pleasure to the reader. Novel can take the readers to a certain situation, place or periods that occur in the story of novel. At the end of the novel, the readers can discover meaning, messages or values which are revealed in the novel.

Now, the researcher applied the theory of feminism in *Pride and Prejudice* novel. The researcher chooses this novel because it has a relationship with the theory. In the novel tells social issues and feminism. In the novel tells about women's fight against the male dominated society, enjoys great popularity around the world also the nature of the marriage at that time, criticizes marriage based on wealth, and suggests equal marriage between men and women. Elizabeth is the protagonist characters of the novel and the second daughter in the Bennet family. She is smart, bravery, independence and feminist which make her different than other women in her society. As the main character, Elizabeth faces many problems in her life. She must not only face her mother, a distant father, two younger sister which do not like her, several antagonistic females, she must also overcome her own mistaken impressions of Darcy, which initially lead her to reject his proposals of marriage.

From the reason above, the researcher tooks the previous study to do the research. The first previous study was conducted Wilujeng (2014). She describes the theory feminism from *Wild Child* Movie and the researcher use Feminism approach. The method used qualitative method to identifying the data of Poppy in "Wild Child " Movie, Classifying the data based on the feminism of Poppy's in "Wild Child" Movie. And the result of this research shows that there are eight kinds of feminism, they are Liberal feminism, Radical feminism, Marxist feminism, Socialist feminism, Care- Focused feminism, Multicultural feminism, Ecofeminism, and Post-modern feminism. In this research Poppy used four feminism in the *Wild Child* Movie, they are: Liberal feminism, Socialist feminism, Marxist feminism and Post-modern feminism.

The second previous study was conducted Laelati Cahyani (2009). In her research to discuss about Feminist Ideas In Film *Monalisa Smile*. She described about kind of intimidation experienced by main character and how the main character shows the feminism ideas in her fighting against the intimidations she experienced in *Mona Lisa Smile* film by analyzing the evidences from the dialogues in the film, her acts, and her statement. To get the feminist value the writer uses Descriptive-Qualitative analysis as the method to analyze the relationship between the main character and feminism theory. On the instrument, the researchers use the data is qualitative bullying imposed on main character and how main character can survive from intimidation received.

The third previous study was conducted Rianto (2010). The result of this research shows that there are eight kinds of feminism, they are: Liberal feminism, Radical feminism, Marxist feminism, Socialist feminism, care- focused feminism, Multicultural feminism, ecofeminism, and Post-modern feminism. In this research Dewi Persik used Liberal feminism, Socialist feminism, Marxist feminism and Post-modern feminism. This research tells about Dewi Persik and describing the feminist movement. He would like to analyze Dewi Persik by using the feminism analysis and using descriptive qualitative analysis as the method.

Based on the previous study above, the researcher has some references doing the research. Thus, the researcher formulates a research problem, the first what are social inequality as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* novel? and the second what are woman's struggle as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet

in *Pride and Prejudice* novel?. Based on the statement of the problem the researcher wants to know the woman's struggle as enacted by Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* novel.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. Broadly speaking, "literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works, but the term is most commonly used to refer to works of the creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction. Literature represents a language or a people: culture and tradition. But, literature is more important than just a historical or cultural artifact. Literature introduces us to new worlds of experience.

Feminism is the belief in the right of women to have political, social, and economic equality with men. Feminism is same with socialist movement that consists of purpose in making equal between men and women. The word feminism originated from the French word *feminisme* in the nineteenth century, either as a medical term to describe the feminization of male body, or to describe women with masculine traits.

Feminism is a movement, and set of belief, that problematize gender inequality. Feminist believes that women have been subordinated through men's greater power, variously expressed in different arenas. They value women's lives and concerns, and work to improve women's status. Socialist feminism is the approach with the greatest capacity to illuminate the exploitation and oppression of most of the women of the world. Although Warren recognized that socialist feminism is fundamentally ant individualist. Socialist feminism more concern on the social and economic to changing condition in the society. The socialist feminism was born to respond to the Marxist feminism point of view, which according to the socialist on of gender is blind. It states that living in the capitalist society is not the only reason of women's state of under development, but it is also because of patriarchal society. In the perspective of social feminism, the capitalist and patriarchal systems are the real social relationship that dominates women.

Social inequality is to describe some valued attribute which can be distributed across the relevant units of a society in different quantities, where "inequality" therefore implies that different units possess different amounts of this attribute. The units can be individuals, families, social groups, communities, nations; the attributes include such things as income, wealth, status, knowledge, and power.

Novel usually concern with human being and though the story gives valuable message for us. Novel can enrich our sense of humanity and imagination, because it tries to portray human relationship, love struggles, ambition and experience. By reading novel people can get knowledge about expression of life

by word and the readers can find of human personality, many characters of people and human behavior. Novel is which one forms of traditional fiction, as literary work, are meant for telling stories. According to Singleton and Millet in their book "An Introduction to Literature" that novel is prose fiction of considerable length showing characters in action and capable of greater complexity both character and plot than story.

From the statement here, the researcher concluded is the socialist feminism has review about the social and economic to changing condition in the society. In the socialist feminism here, the researcher focuses on the women in social.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses feminism approach to analyze the feminism in *Pride and Prejudice* novel. In this research, the researcher uses feminist approach because the novel tells about woman's struggle to get equality. In this research, the researcher applies the feminism theory as the basic of the analysis. In this feminism theory, the researcher also use social feminism to analysis this research. The researcher also includes woman's struggle in this research to analyze feminism theory in this novel. The instrument of this research is documentation, because the data is come from *Pride and Prejudice* novel. Documentation means utterances of Elizabeth Bennet or other that indicates about women's struggle. In this research, researcher uses qualitative research which the data deal with description, because the researcher uses novel as object, researcher read the novel and make underline to more understand well, research also find human issues in the novel. Qualitative research is used to analyze something by description without statistical data. Qualitative research seeks to understand the what, how, when, and where of an event or an action in order to establish its meaning concept, and definitions, characteristics, metaphors, symbols and description.

The source of data in this research is taken from the novel itself, so the researcher gets source of data from the *Pride and Prejudice* novel. While the data in this researcher is from all of the sentences of the novel that indicate about woman struggle that carried by Elizabeth Bennet as the main female character based on the socialist feminism theory.

Procedures of collecting the data are a) Reading and understanding *Pride and Prejudice* novel. b) Selecting the utterances of the *Pride and Prejudice* novel which is related with discussion. c) Classifying the data.

Procedure of analyzing the data are a) Identifying the social inequality of the main character, Elizabeth Bennet. b) Identifying women's struggle enacted by Elizabeth Bennet. c) Making conclusion.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The results of this analysis emphasize on two aspects based on the statement of the problem that aimed to get the information about discuss the social inequality and woman struggle by Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* novel.

1. Social inequality enacted by Elizabeth Bennet that taken in *Pride and Prejudice* novel by Jane Austen

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From explanation above, the researcher tries analyze the social inequality enacted by Elizabeth Bennet that written by an author namely Jane Austen entitled *Pride and Prejudice* where here has 2 dimensions that had explained before. This bellow is the social inequality enacted by Elizabeth Bennet that described by Jane Austen in her novel *Pride and Prejudice*.

a. Monadic and relational attributes

Monadic attributes is any property of a given unit (individual, family, community, etc.) whose magnitude can be defined without any reference to other units. Relational attributes can definite without other attributes.

1. Income

Income is one of the examples. Income includes the revenue streams from wages, salaries, interest on a savings account, dividends from shares of stock, rent, and profits from selling something for more than you paid for it. Income inequality refers to the extent to which income is distributed in an uneven manner among a population. In this novel, I found that only man can get and have income but woman have not income. It was due to the difference work where in that era just a man who may work. Income in this novel can describe like next heir, large property, and money. It is can make a man have high income and social inequality for women.

2. Social status

Not only income, but social status is also generally an example of relational attribute. Status is intrinsically a relational attribute in that 'high' status only has meaning relative to lower statuses. In this novel, I found that high status can described by Mr. Darcy's family and lower status can describe by Elizabeth Bennet social status. It caused because of the education by Elizabeth and the status of her family. Social status aspect can describe like rich, respectable man, next heir, and the high level of education.

b. Monadic and relational process

Monadic and relational process is certain unequally distributed attributes are acquired through what can be called a monadic process. For the example is talent.

1. Talent

Talent is an example of a relational attribute that is unequally distributed through a monadic process. Talents are caused through a monadic process since the causal mechanism which determines one person's latent capacities to acquire skills does not affect anyone else's. Obviously, parents' talent-generating mechanisms - genes - can affect their children's through inheritance. This is identical to the effect of parents' genes in the weight example. The point is that the effectiveness of one person's genes is independent of anyone else's. Talent is genetic her parent. Talent is descent from the parents. If the parents talented singing definitely her son had an aptitude singing also though not the same exactly like her parents.

2. Woman's struggle enacted by Elizabeth Bennet that taken in *Pride and Prejudice* novel by Jane Austen

Women's struggle is included in feminism. In this part, the researcher tells about women's struggle in socialist feminism. And the women's struggle that reflected by Elizabeth Bennet to get equality rights with other in the level social.

According to Green (2001: 300) struggle means great efforts that are done by one person group to against both of oppression and issue. Women's struggle to against oppression is not one, but many efforts to do. Such as, struggle to against physical oppression, crude word, sexual harassment and physiological oppression. Those are done to get women's independence and equality in a life.

In this research, the researcher found two kind of struggle. There are:

a. Struggle to against physical oppression

Struggle to against physical oppression means that the woman try to struggle against the physical oppression that do by men or others. Struggle to against physical oppression can describe like oppression about Elizabeth Bennet appearance and character.

b. Struggle to against psychological oppression

Struggle to against psychological oppression means that the women against oppression that include to psychological. Struggle to against psychological oppression can describe like when Elizabeth Bennet get oppression from Mr. Collins to refuse his engaged. Elizabeth Bennet try to resist his oppress with give reason but Mr. Collins does not believe with her reason and oppress Elizabeth very hard.

CONCLUSION

This conclusion have two points, first, In *Pride and Prejudice* novel, Elizabeth Bennet shows the socialist feminism of social inequality. Based on the finding and discussion show that Elizabeth Bennet experiences two dimension of social inequality. The first dimension is monadic and relational attribute and I found money (income) and social status as an example. The second dimension is monadic and relational process and I found talent as an example. Second, In *Pride and Prejudice* novel, Elizabeth Bennet shows the socialist feminism of woman's struggle. Based on finding and discussion show that Elizabeth Bennet experience two kinds of struggle. There is struggle to against physical oppression and struggle to against physiological oppression.

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