

ABSTRACT

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Liberal feminism is a feminist movement that focused on individual freedom for women in political, economic, education, and social spheres. It can also call as the first feminist movement. In this study, the novel *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott was chosen because this novel tells the story of Josephine March as the main character. This novel is interesting to analyze because it reflects the struggle of a woman during the American civil war. As the main character, Jo March faces many problems in her life and she reflects the values of liberal feminism. With all the abilities she has, she can overcome all problems and can achieve happiness in her life: a famous writer.

This study contains three problems formulation that will be analyzed as follows: (1) What are the values of liberal feminism experienced by the main character in the *Little Women* novel? (2) What are the reasons of the main character experienced liberal feminism in the *Little Women* novel? (3) What is the implication of liberal feminism in the main character in the *Little Women* novel in education?. This research aims to find the values of liberal feminism experienced by the main character in the *Little Women* novel, to explain the reasons of the main character experienced liberal feminism in the *Little Women* novel, and to reveal the implication of liberal feminism in the main character in the *Little Women* novel in education.

In this study, the author used library studies to answer all problem formulations. There are two kinds of sources used in this research. The main source is obtained from the *Little Women* novel. The second source is obtained from books and thesis related to the study.

Based on the analysis, the results of this study were obtained as follows: (1) The writer can conclude that the values of liberal feminism experienced by Jo March are equality in the economic field, inequality in education, and equal rights (Being an Androgynous Person). (2) The reasons of the main character experienced liberal feminism. There are several reasons why Jo March experienced liberal feminism; the impact of the civil war that occurred in America made Jo March have to work to fulfill her needs and her family. She also experienced inequality in the field of education because at that time education for women was limited. She also got equal rights; being an androgynous person. (3) The implication of liberal feminism in the main character in education.

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Feminisme liberal adalah gerakan feminis yang berfokus pada kebebasan individu bagi perempuan dalam bidang politik, ekonomi, pendidikan, dan sosial. Hal ini juga bisa disebut sebagai gerakan feminis pertama. Dalam penelitian ini, novel *Little Women* karya Louisa May Alcott dipilih karena novel ini menceritakan kisah Josephine March sebagai tokoh utamanya. Novel ini menarik untuk dianalisis karena mencerminkan perjuangan seorang wanita selama perang saudara di Amerika. Sebagai pemeran utama, Jo March menghadapi banyak masalah dalam hidupnya dan ia mencerminkan nilai-nilai feminisme liberal. Dengan segala kemampuan yang ia miliki, ia dapat mengatasi segala permasalahan dan dapat mencapai kebahagiaan dalam hidupnya: menjadi penulis terkenal.

Penelitian ini memuat tiga rumusan masalah yang akan dianalisis sebagai berikut: (1) Apa saja nilai-nilai feminisme liberal yang dialami oleh tokoh utama dalam novel *Little Women*? (2) Apa alasan tokoh utama mengalami feminisme liberal dalam novel *Little Women*? (3) Implikasi feminisme liberal pada tokoh utama novel *Little Women* dalam pendidikan?. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan nilai-nilai feminisme liberal yang dialami tokoh utama dalam novel *Little Women*, menjelaskan alasan tokoh utama mengalami feminisme liberal dalam novel *Little Women*, dan mengungkap implikasi feminisme liberal pada tokoh utama dalam novel *Little Women* dalam pendidikan.

Dalam penulisan penelitian ini, penulis menggunakan studi kepustakaan untuk menjawab semua rumusan masalah. Ada dua macam sumber yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini. Sumber utama didapat dari novel *Little Women*. Sumber kedua diperoleh dari buku-buku dan skripsi yang berkaitan dengan teori yang digunakan pada penelitian ini.

Berdasarkan analisis, diperoleh hasil penelitian sebagai berikut: (1) Penulis dapat menyimpulkan bahwa nilai-nilai feminisme liberal yang dialami Jo March adalah kesetaraan dalam bidang ekonomi, ketimpangan dalam pendidikan, dan kesetaraan hak (menjadi orang yang androgini). (2) Alasan tokoh utama mengalami feminisme liberal. Terdapat beberapa alasan mengapa Jo March mengalami feminisme liberal, yaitu dampak perang saudara yang terjadi di Amerika membuat Jo March harus bekerja untuk memenuhi kebutuhan hidupnya dan keluarganya. Ia juga mengalami keterbatasan dalam bidang pendidikan karena pada saat itu pendidikan bagi perempuan masih terbatas. Dia juga mendapatkan hak yang sama, yaitu menjadi orang yang androgini. (3) Implikasi feminisme liberal pada tokoh utama dalam pendidikan.