

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Study

Daughter is a girl or a woman in a family that protected by parents. Daughter always need her parents in her live. She need parents to direct what a good thing or a bad thing in the world. A daughter always wants her parents beside her. But there is a daughter workhard just to her family. Workhard everyday to keep live with her family. The daughters who make a sacrifice with sincerely to parents.

In collins dictionary web (2018) “Sacrifice is something that is valuable or important we give it up, to obtain something else for ourselves or other people.” Sometimes if we make sacrifice we should giving up of what we want so that other people can have what they need or want.

Sacrifice also giving all we have to someone else need, in addition sacrifice is not only give what we have to someone else need, but sacrifice is do an action to someone else need. Do everything to someone else that we help. Usually we make a sacrifice to someone and other people that we love, it is like our family, our friend and others. We make sacrifice to make someone or other people that we help feel happy. Forever family informs that “Sacrifice delivered with mindset of love and appreciation. This is less limited of movement than it is a process to be.” So although the following suggestions may help, sacrifice depend on a change of heart, and a change of behavior. Niget (1981) informs sacrifice is a rooted spiritual practice that leads someone’s experience with a esoteric sense of interrelation and oneness.

Louisa May Alcott who illustrate the sacrifice in her novel with the title *Little Women* novel. She is the second daughter of four daughter. She wrote this novel about daughter’s sacrifice who always helping their family to keeping their family. The novel is a story about the writer of the novel

Little women novel by Louisa May Alcott released in two sequel in 1868 and 1869. The novel is about four daughters. The story begin when

adolescence to womanhood and this novel depend on the writer of the novel and three sisters. The novel consists of 2 series. Louisa May Alcott (1849) informs that the first series, *little women* novel is the successful publication and there is a request of the readers to write a sequel of this novel. *Little Women* novel is the romance and drama genre novel.

Little women explains a story about four daughters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March, the four daughters live with their mother in New England. Mr. March is the father of the four daughters is far from them because Mr. March is as a preacher in the civil war, and the daughters undertaking to guide themselves and hold family when they lost the fortune. Meg is the eldest of the four March girls, was sixteen years-old. She is a beautiful girl and ladylike. Jo, fifteen years-old, she is a passionate and temperamental person, she is tomboy. She loves to experiment and she loves to write. Beth, the third daughter in March family, she is thirteen years-old. She is quite and kindhearted girl. The youngest Amy, she is twelve years-old. She has an artistic soul, selfish spoiled and childish. These four children lived with their mother, while their father went to civil war as a chaplain. March family lives in simplicity, although without father in home, mother and all four girls March work to fulfill their needs, while to do housework, they are assisted by Hannah who is devoted to serving the March family. March daughters tell that a daughter who have an passionate to sacrifice and struggling life. Everyday they work hard to fulfill their family's economic while their father is absent in home. Even if there is no figure of Father in home but they are always believe and optimistic to change their poverty and get fortunes to their family. In a day the four of March girls meet Laurie, their neighbor from Laurie family. They become a best friend. Laurie is a grandson of Mr. Laurie. They has a good friend each others. So many problems comes to March family, such as when Jo and Amy against because of Jo's book has burn by Amy, another problem is when March daughters should give their breakfast in Christmas day to poor woman while they deficiency, they do not get a luxurious presents in Christmas day. Meg and Jo make sacrifice to their parents, they looking for a

job and a job with sincerity unlike other girls did. It happens when Mr. March has lost his property and he brings his family in poor family. While Mr. March is as a chaplain in army, one day Mrs. March get a telegram informing that Mr. March, father of four sister is ill. Jo, the second daughter dedicate her family by selling her hair to help her mother to go to Washington for her father. When Mrs. March went to Washington save their father. After this, Beth the third daughter is sick scarlet fever and almost not breath again. All of sister Meg, Jo, and Amy dedicate to nurse their sister carefully. It is become a darkness for March family. Finally of this novel Mrs. March come back home for Beth. At the end of the novel Mr. March come back home and Meg merry with Mr. Brooke

The responses of the novel are, first printing of this novel sold out, Another copies were printed, readers and publisher want to sequel of this novel. *Little women* had been adapted for film. The most recent 1994 film starring Trini Alvarado, Wionona Ryder, Claire Danes, Kristen Dunst and Susan Sarandon. Directed by Gilian Armstrong and written by Robin Swicord. The story begins after civil war, when the father is far away from March daughter. The daughters was struggling to living with their mother in poverty family. The reseacher is intersted with this novel; first because the reseacher is interested with the story of this novel. Second because the reseacher is interested to studying in literary. Third the reseacher is intersted in all characters of the story. Fourth because the reseacher want to study and analyze about the sacrifice of the daughters when they are without father in this story.

The first is because the reseacher interested with the story of the novel. Little women novel has a complex story in family and life. This novel like a real life. This novel tells the sisterhood, love story, stuggle and sacrifice in life.

The second is because the reseacher intersted to studying in literary. This novel is one of the literary and this is a classic novel that is the reseacher interesting in study about literary uses Little Women novel

The third, the researcher is impressed in all characters of *Little Women* novel. The characters of this novel is the girls with have a different story. And this novel tells how the sisters struggle to solve the problem each other.

The fourth is because the researcher want to analyze about the sacrifice of the daughters when they are without father. In this novel tells that the sacrifice of the daughters living without father when their father went to joined a civil war in America. The daughters struggling in their life with their mother. Such as character Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy. They help each other, Jo and Meg are going to make their fortunes and workhard as an author and an artist. They workhard and try to do everything perfectly.

A feminist approach is to analyze this novel, it is the reason that this novel is about the sacrifice's four daughters to live, and this research is appropriate with feminist approach. So, the researcher makes the title: **DAUGHTER'S SACRIFICE WHILE LIVING WITHOUT FATHER IN LOUISA MAY ALCOTT'S *LITTLE WOMEN* NOVEL (1868): A FEMINIST APPROACH.**

B. Problem Statement

Problem statement of this research are:

1. How is daughter's sacrifice when they living without father in *Little Women* Novel?
2. What are the feminism values of the daughters depicted in the novel?

C. Objective of The Study

This study have some objectives which included:

1. To know how daughter's sacrifice when they are without father in *Little Women* novel.
2. To analyzed feminist approach in the novel.

D. Limitation of The Study

The researcher focuses in daughter's sacrifice while living without father in Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* (1868) on Feminist Approach.

E. Benefit of The Study

The several benefits of this study:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This study give information and knowledge about literary in *Little Women* novel by Louisa May Alcott.

2. Practical Benefit

The study give information and knowledge about the novel in increasing analyze with feminist approach

F. Paper Organization

The research paper of "Daughter's Sacrifice While Living Without Father in Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* Novel (1868): A Feminist Approach" consist of five chapters. Chapter one is Introduction, Chapter two is Literary Review. Chapter three is Research Method. Chapter four is Analysis and Discussion. Chapter five is Conclusion and Suggestion.