

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter the writer discusses the conclusions and suggestions from the results of the research conducted. The author concludes the results of the research that has been done and provides suggestions for further researchers.

5.1 Conclusion

This research is entitled Gender Inequality Reflected in *The Awakening* by (Chopin, 1899). This study applied theory Walby(1991) theorizing patriarchy to reveal the forms of gender inequality and resistance. In collecting data the writer used the novel *The Awakening* as a data source, from this research which in this novel there are many forms of patriarchy experienced by the main character Edna.

The results of this study found that the main character Edna in *The Awakening* novel experienced many patriarchal actions in the form of identity and culture. These forms of patriarchy originated because of a relationship, namely a marriage that is not based on love. Problems then give rise to forms of patriarchy and Edna has her own way of getting away from the emphasis on her husband. Edna did many things to escape the problems she was facing. In the novel is shown the form of the type of resistance Edna to get her identity,

Edna's desire to have her own identity is very strong. When Edna married Mr. Pontellier, she seemed to lose her identity because she was a traditional woman who

came from the Grand Isle and now her social status changed when she married Mr. Pontellier. This makes Edna depressed because of the different environment. She insisted on violating the cultural norms prevailing in Creole society to gain freedom for her achievements in acquiring an identity for herself.

This is supported by the large amount of data found by the writer. That in this novel Edna as the main character as a feminist figure who is determined to be free from the culture that has prevailed in her environment. In this novel, there is a lot of data showing that in marriage status, women lose their identity because of the treatment of their husbands which is based on the prevailing cultural norms. Edna did not just accept the cultural norms because she felt it was unfair that man were always dominant over woman, especially in household matters. Edna points out that woman also have the right to freedom over themselves, even though they are wives and choose their own way of life, not always being restrained by husband's regulations. For what Edna has done, she gets support from other parties who are also Creole women but not with Creole culture. They have the same opinion that women should still get their identity even though they get status of wives.

5.2 Suggestion

Based on the description above, the writer has suggestions for the readers of this research as follows:

1. The researcher hopes that this research will be one of the suggestions in adding insight in the field of literature, especially for analyzing feminist issues.
2. The researcher hopes that further researchers who use *The Awakening* novel as a data source can dig deeper into the feminist issues contained in the novel.
3. The researcher hopes that this research can be an additional reference material for the field of literature, especially those that discuss feminist issues.