

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION & SUGGESTION

This chapter consists of the conclusion and suggestion regarding the analysis of the novel. The conclusion is arranged as the analysis is done for the main character's oppression found in the novel. The suggestion offers additional information for future researchers interested in conducting similar research.

5.1. Conclusion

In analyzing Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" regarding women's oppressions. The research has come to the conclusion that the main character Tess Durbeyfield has experienced many oppressions and struggles. As the main character, Tess Durberyfield is shown as a young girl who blossomed into womanhood as she grows. Tess as a young girl has experienced a deep trauma that scarred her even as she has grown as an adult. As a women in a society that has inequality between men and women, Tess has suffered through different oppressions done to her. As Young stated, oppressions stand for injustice that happen in the society, which is related to the inequality between men and women presented in the novel. The oppressions done to Tess happened both physically and psychologically which consists of exploitation, marginalization, powerlessness, cultural imperialism, and violence.

The research also found that in order to surpass the oppressions she experienced, Tess struggles greatly to prove herself and take care of herself and her family. The researcher found four kind of struggles experienced by women

according to Beauvoir that reflected in Tess. The struggles include women go to work, women become intellectuals, women work towards socialist transformation of society, and women refuses to internalize otherness. The struggles that Tess has overcome shown that Tess stands by herself and repeatedly refused to give in to the oppressions thrown at her by the society.

5.2. Suggestion

Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" novel is a classic fiction novel that described a young girl who grows into womanhood. The novel delivers unique understanding regarding inequality between men and women that happened in the society at 18th century. Moreover, it highlighted the journey of a women who repeatedly refusing to give in to the pressure of the society despite continuously oppressed by men and society around her.

Upon analyzing the novel, the researcher suggests for the future researcher to use a different approach in analyzing the novel such as psychological approach. As seen in the novel that Tess internalized different emotion as she grows from a young girl into a woman, psychological approach can be used to understand the development Tess has undergone in herself. The amount of emotion Tess has gone throughout her development consists of different psychological phenomena that can be analyzed further by the future researcher in order to understand more about the character Tess in the novel.

The researcher also encourage future researcher to analyze the novel using Freud's theory on trauma. Tess experienced sexual abuse in young age while working with the d'Urbervilles. The trauma she has undergone carries an impact

that lasted all the way through her womanhood where she is still affected by the trauma and the person that gave her the trauma. In understanding Tess' trauma, future researcher will be able to understand Tess' decision throughout the novel and the aftermath of trauma has for its victim.