CHAPTER IV

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Research findings

The Jane Austin Book Club is an American romantic movie that took the story of women as the main theme. The researcher found this movie also as a reflection of feminism that portrayed how women’s resistance to oppression that often occurs in their lives. The researcher observed this movie has criticized the patriarchal culture that has believed women as a second ignorant that should be obedient to their husband and their father. This movie also rejected the opinion about women should be in the house, could not enter the public, could not take the job and should has married and be a mother.

The researcher found this movie took a beauty modern setting of Sacramento, where city and suburban sprawl meet natural beauty in 2007. In this movie the researcher also found five women who were in friendship, have different characters and have story of their lives. Every story described them as modern women who were awareness of their rights and their position and how to represent them in their life as a strong woman in face their problem. They are Jocelyn, Allegra, Prudie, Sylvia and Bernadette.

The story started from Jocelyn as a woman in 50th years, who have decided to be unmarried because she was trauma with her father, when leave her mother when she was 10th. The same thing also happened on Allegra, a 28th years old girl. She
prefers to live as a lesbian and doing all activities that are usually performed only by men such skydiving and rock climbing. This clearly illustrates how women have the same rights as men in doing activities that are dangerous. As well as criticizing the society perception those women are only capable in doing activity in domestic.

The researcher also found how the representation of feminism in women who have been married. They are Prudie, Sylvia and Bernadette. The researchers found the representation of feminism in their life. For example they are married women who were not only work in domestic but also they took a job in outside as women career. Prudie is France teacher, Sylvia worked at one Library and Bernadette is a stylist. It was clearly indicates the existence of women's awareness of their rights in the workplace even though they have become a wife that should serve their husband and a mother that should taking care their children. The most interesting thing discovered by researcher is the courage of Bernadette who performs marriages in seven times. As we know marriage in many times can only be done by men and then Sylvia as strong women in face her husband's infidelity until divorce.

There are the data findings of this research, the data divided into four classifications: Equal rights to participate in public sphere, equal rights in education, equal rights in family institution and equal rights in marriage.
Equal rights to participate in public sphere.

#Data 1

Jocelyn : I'm gonna be at Stockton at the **Breeders’ Convention**.

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This statement came from Jocelyn to Allegra in Allegra house when she was visiting her friends Sylvia, Allegra mothers. In this situation, Sylvia be in sadness because her husband. This conversation happened in the kitchen, where Allegra and Jocelyn have cooked tart cake for Sylvia. Jocelyn said to Allegra she would go to the Breeders’ Convention and if Allegra needed her, she would be there. Breeders’ Convention is a meeting with some person that talks about animal husbandry.

#Data 2

Sylvia : it always Allegra, never the boys.

Daniel : Well, she is the one who goes **mountain climbing**, **skateboarding** and **skydiving**.

Sylvia : She is so extreme.

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This conversation happened between Allegra fathers Daniel and her mother Sylvia, when they were on the hospital to keep their daughter Allegra that fall when she was climbing. They are talked about Allegra that has same hobby like men in doing activity whether it extreme or not.
Equal rights in education.

#Data 1

Bernadette : We can’t let Jocelyn sit home and brood. Maybe we could all take a class Learn Portuguese. Go to Brazil.

Sylvia : I don’t think I could fit one more thing in my week, honestly. No, no, you’re right. You’re right. We should make an effort.

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This conversation happened between Sylvia and Bernadette in Jocelyn’s house when they have finished Jocelyn’s dog funeral. Bernadette said to Sylvia about her plan to take a class Learn Portuguese and her plan to go to Brazil. Bernadette did not want to leave Jocelyn alone in home and brood when she lost her dog. Bernadette aware about sitting in home is not good for Jocelyn and they could take education in Brazil.

Equal rights in family institution.

#Data1

Allegra : I find that personality offensive Dad.

Daniel : What?

Allegra : I mean, I may never be married or be a mother.

Yes some lesbian get some version of that.
Daniel: can we at least agree that human being need human connection?

This conversation happened between Daniel (Allegra fathers) talked with his daughter Allegra. Daniel talked to Allegra about human connection, that about married and have kids. But Allegra felt offended with her father’s statement above, because she has a life choice to be a lesbian. That means she would not married or have kids. She speaks out her idea about her choice to be a lesbian and she may never be married and have kids.

Equal rights in marriage.

#Data 1

Prudie: I’m married to a man who would cancel our trip to Paris for a basketball game, which is making me a fraud in front of my students.

This conversation happened between Prudie and Bernadette. It was the first time for them to meet in a café. Prudie talked to Bernadette about the anguish of her husband who had canceled their trip to Paris just for a basketball game. She was very sad and very angry about it, because for her husband basketball game was more important than kept his promise to her.
Bernadette: you know, Prudie, I’ve been married six times. You are always happy at the first. It’s how you fell at the end that counts. I’ve been thinking, I’d like to get married again, maybe just once more.

This conversation happened between Bernadette with Prudie. Bernadette talk to Prudie about her life experienced who has been married in six times. She talked to Prudie, marriage was always happy just in the first time. So it the reasons why she wants to married again and again. Bernadette was a woman that has big fantasy about her happiness, so when her partner in marriage was not care about her again, or her marriage was not happy again. She needed to over it and married with other man that has more attention to her.

Sylvia: I can’t believe I’m alone at this age.

Allegra: Mom, you are not alone.

Jocelyn: and listen to me! Alone is not the end of the world. For as many years as you’ve been married, I’ve been quite happily unmarried.

This conversation happened in Sylvia's house, in this situation Allegra and Jocelyn was amused Sylvia. It is the first time to Sylvia after her husband left her.
Sylvia felt her life was over because her marriage was over. But Jocelyn tries to give her spirit with said married is not one of happiness and without getting married not mean we could found the happiness itself.

#Data 4

Daniel : see, because I’ve been struggling with whether a marriage can sustain all of that over 20-plus years or whether it’s just inevitable that after certain amount of that.

Sylvia : what are you…?

Daniel : Maybe being with someone else have a renewing effect, because for I’ve been seeing a women at work.

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The conversation bellow happened between Daniel and Allegra, when they in a café to took a dinner. They were talked about their marriage and their children. But in the end Daniel told to Sylvia that he was think a marriage will hold out more than 20 years or will be over in some times.

Discussion

This part discussed about feminism theory as portrait of women in The Jane Austin Book Club movie. It will explore their life based on feminism issue or the ground of their analysis.
Equal rights to participate in public sphere.

In Society, there was a capitalism system that organizes women’s life. Where women just could enter the domestic life, take care their children; serve their husband and being housework. They could not enter the public sphere to take a job like men. Their life depends on men, because they could get income for their self and their family. Not only those, women also reputed as a week people that can do an extreme job like men.

Considering the capitalism system in society above, feminism movement was rejected that opinion. Feminism believed women are same with men included in getting job and doing activity while it was extreme or not. It was supported by Hooks (2000, p. 2) “Feminism agree with the idea of gender equity in the workplace - equal pay for equal work.”

In this movie, Jocelyn, Sylvia, Prudie, Bernadette and Allegra were portrayed as modern women who were aware about their opportunity in entering public sphere and doing everything like men. They were portrayed as women that represent feminism in their life. It was shown in Jocelyn statement below:

Jocelyn : I’m gonna be at Stockton at the Breeders’ Convention.

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Regarding to the aims of feminism movement, Jocelyn portrayed as a woman that free to enter the public sphere like men, she has freedom to do activity in outside without complain from others because she was unmarried
woman and live alone. From her statement above, illustrated She rejected the capitalism system in society that placed women as person that could not enter the public sphere and doing activity in outside, because with follow the Breeders’ Convention or meeting with some people that talk about animal husbandry, that means she could doing activity in outside like man. Jocelyn also portrayed as a woman that should have providing income for her life, because she is unmarried women and live alone. Jocelyn obviously described that there were no differences between woman and man in getting their rights and desires, so woman have the same right like man in undergo their live.

In this movie, Sylvia also same like Jocelyn, she portrayed as a woman that believed women should be involved in public sphere as the workers and could get income for her family. She as a staff in a library and she work every day while she is also as a wife, who should serve her husband and as mother who should take care of her children.

According to Winthrop (as cited in Madsen 2000 p. 2) “‘A true wife accounts her subjection (as) her honor and freedom’, finding contentment only ‘in subjection to her husband’s authority. It means when women has married, they has no authority on their life again. Everything in their life depended to their husband. But Sylvia rejected this opinion, she has aware though she was married women she has same opportunity like men as a worker in outside like being a staff in a library.
Prudie also same like Jocelyn and others where believed about women’s right to enter the public sphere to take a job. It could be proved from her activity as a France teacher in a high school. Prudie also as a woman that rejected about traditional opinion, where when a woman was married, she should have being in house, keep her children and serve her husband.

According to Ortner (as cited in Freedman, 2012 p. 10) “the secondary status of women in society can be explained by the fact that women are seen being ‘closer to nature’ in their physiology, their social role and their physic and men ‘closer to culture’ more suited for public roles and political association”. It means women portrayed as a weak people that just able to do everything in house. They could not enter the public to do everything like men.

Considering the theory above, there was no evidence that portrayed Allegra as a weak people. Because she was a strong and brave woman that could do extreme activity like men as described from conversation bellow:

Sylvia : it always Allegra, never the boys.

Daniel : Well, she is the one who goes mountain climbing, skateboarding and skydiving.

Sylvia : She is so extreme.

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Analyzing the conversation between Allegra parents above, could be interpreted that Allegra was a brave. She is doing dangerous sport like man. For
example skydiving and rock climbing. As we know this sport just for men only. This also rejected the theory above, where women just take a secondary status in society and being natural, because women also have same rights like men in doing activity whether it danger or not.

**Equal rights in education.**

According to Arivia (2006, p. 411) “The main obstacle of women in education is the public opinions that dominate by men, where men have more opportunity than woman” it means men can take education as well they want without thinking about public opinion but for women there are many of public opinion that bounded their movement for example when women become in 18th they should married and just stay at home.

As modern women Bernadette and Sylvia portrayed as women who reject the theory above. They agreement about women’s right in education. The approval statement was reflected in the conversation bellow:

Bernadette: we can’t let Jocelyn sit home and brood. Maybe we could all take a class Learn Portuguese and go to Brazil.

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Bernadette believed that sitting in home and brood was not good for women, because as the result sit in home could not improve their knowledge. They just will handle household things and forget about doing things in outside house as business and education. According to Donovan (2006 p. 27) “proper
education could liberate women from subjugation to their conditioned role of serving men”. It means when women want to rejected the dominate by men, they should become a smart and interesting women.

As a feminist woman Bernadette believed that education is important to improve women’s capacity. And from her statement above indicated that she was aware about women’s right in education where, when and what kinds of education that will be taken depends on her choice. It was supported by Tong & Abrams (As cited in Wiyatmi 2012, p 19) “women has equal rights in getting work, salary, and has same opportunity in education with men.”

**Equal rights in family institution.**

In some family women should obedient to their husband and their father. Their life depends on their men. Feminism was rejected this system because women have same right like men in drive their life. In this movie Allegra portrayed as a woman that rejected this system. It was shown from her statement bellow:

Allegra: *I find that personality offensive Dad.*

Daniel : What?

Allegra: I mean, *I may never be married or be a mother.*

Yes some lesbian get some version of that.
Daniel: can we at least agree that human beings need human connection.

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The statement above, showed how Allegra as a woman that felt offended about her father because talk about women’s role that should have married and be a mother. Allegra resisted to her father because she thought she has the same right with man in undergo her life. According to Freudian (as cited in Arivia 2006, p. 191-192) states “patriarchal is a system that identical with father symbols “father rule”,“ it means in some family women should obedient to their husband and their father. In this movie Allegra portrait as a woman that reject family institution, where in some family women should obedient to their husband and their father. Everything in their lives depends on men. From Allegra conversation between her father’s above, it was clearly illustrated about how Allegra’s father wanted to organize his daughter life but Allegra rejected that and she has declared her feeling to want to be a lesbian.

According to Firestone (as cited in Freedman 2012, p. 21) “Lesbian is a life style that believe will absolve women from men oppressure toward women in sexual”. It means that Allegra described as a woman that refuses man’s oppressure toward in woman. From Allegra character, could be analyzed that she was a woman that believed about women’s freedom to pursuing happiness and did not want anyone to force her life. She chose to become as a lesbian because she did not want to oppressure experience by men.
Equal rights in marriage.

In a marriage women become a second sex ignorant that should be obedient to their husband. They are as a second person in their marriage. It was supported by Donovan (2006, p. 27) states “women were either or ornamental objects existing for men’s titillation”. In this movie Prudie illustrated as a woman that has oppression from her husband. It seen from the statement bellow:

Prudie : I’m married to a man who would cancel our trip to Paris for a basketball game.

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This statement illustrated how Prudie as second person in her marriage. For Prudie husband, Basketball game is more important than to keep his promise to his wife to go to Paris. This illustrated how in a marriage, woman become a person that should obedient to their husband. They should accept everything that decision from their husband whether they like it or not. This described how men put their wife as a second person in their life that should obedient to their roles.

In this movie, Bernadette also portrayed as a woman that rejects the women oppression in marriage. That seen from her choice to married in seventh time. It because in her opinion when her husband inappreciative with their marriage, she just need to finished it, getting freedom and marriage again as described in the following statement above:
Bernadette: you know, Prudie, I’ve been married six times. You are always happy at the first. It’s how you fell at the end that counts. I’ve been thinking, I’d like to get married again, maybe just once more.

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According to Blackstone (as cited in Donovan 2006, p. 19) “By marriage, the husband and wife is one person in the law. The very being and legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage, or at least is incorporated into that of her husband under whose wing and protection she performs everything”. It means when a woman chose to married, it means her life is depends on her husband role. She is not free women any more. Bernadette was a woman that presented about women freedom and rejected this assumption.

Bernadette obviously declared that she had freedom to look for and choose a good man for her life. She did not want to be depends on man that did not love on her again. She was aware she had opportunity to pursue her happiness and marry with other men that love her. This character was like feminist idea nowadays which women have the same right with man in marriage.

Jocelyn is also having experience in women’s oppression in marriage. It was described in the following conversation above:

Daniel: see, because I’ve been struggling with whether a marriage can sustain all of that over 20-plus years or whether it’s just inevitable that after certain amount of that.
Sylvia : what are you…?

Daniel : **Maybe being with someone else have a renewing effect**, because for I’ve been seeing a women at work.

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From Daniel statement above, illustrated how he want to leave Sylvia. In his think it is impossible if a marriage could hold out until 20 years more. This is one of women oppression that they get from their husband. Sometimes when their marriage works in long time in happiness, they will look for other women. It seen from the second Daniel’s statement “**Maybe being with someone else have a renewing effect**”. This statement portrayed how Daniel was bored with her marriage and try to find other women for amuse, he want to divorce his wife.

According to Freedom House (as cited in Smith 2006, p 315) “Men are entitled to divorce without explanation simply by registering a statement to the court and repeating it three times”. This situation also makes men lowering women position in marriage. They thought that they has right to leave their wife as long as they want. So feminist movement was critique about the rights of women in divorce.

Jocelyn also portrayed as a person that not believe about love because she had traumatic with her father that leaves her mother when she was 10th years. This situation influence her life, she decided to live without getting married. She thought that without getting married she was still happy, though she will live
alone without husband or child but she believed it did not the end of the world. It was reflected in the conversation bellow:

Sylvia : I can’t believe I’m alone at this age.

Allegra : Mom, you are not alone.

Jocelyn : and listen to me! Alone is not the end of the world. For as many years as you’ve been married, I’ve been quite happily unmarried.

This decision portrait Jocelyn as a woman that rejected about the traditional culture that requires women should get married. She also does not want to take the same experience like her mother. Jocelyn does not want to get women’s oppression in a marriage. It was same like feminism idea in now days that refuse women’s slavery in marriage. This is supported by Hooks (2000, p. 78-79) “feminist movement has critique marriage as yet another form of sexual slavery”. Jocelyn showed that women have freedom to choose they will marry or not and then she showed as a woman that have freedom to found out her happiness by her choice without getting married

Considering the discussion above, Jocelyn, Allegra, Sylvia, Bernadette and Prudie are portrayed as women in modern era that aware about they have same right like men in drive their life. They was feminist women that believe about women have the same rights with men. Jocelyn, she was a beautiful woman, friendly and always cares with her friends. Sometimes she was egoist, that seen from her character
that want to organizes Sylvia and Grigg lives. But over all from her character that did not want to married and egoist, as a normal woman she was lonely and so tired live alone. Allegra was a lesbian that easy to find and leave her partner, she was strong, smart and brave woman. She was also as a good child for her parents. Bernadette also same like Allegra, she was brave and energetic woman, she was person that can easy to rich her happiness because she make her life simple.

Sylvia and Prudie were also same like their other friends. They have aware about their position as wife that should serve their husband and as a worker in outside. Sylvia as a strong woman when her husband leaves her, she never gives up continuing her life. In the first scene Sylvia portrayed as a busy person that did not care with her style but when her husband leave her, she aware about that and come with a new life and new style. She thought a woman should look beautiful and neat while she was busy. Prudie also same like Sylvia, She was a free woman that not want to obedient to her husband. She was a strong woman that faces every problem that comes in her life. She always requires more attention from her husband. She wants to changes her husband like father, it because she never has father attention.

Universally, women character in *The Jane Austen Book Club* movie, all of them is portrayed feminism character. Everyone has their way to solve their problem without make their self low. As feminist women that can take job in outside does not make them forget about their job as a wife and mother. They are also as a good mother and a good wife for their husband and children.
Research contribute to ELT

According to Carter and Long (as cited in Tomkova 2008, p. 9) “literature can be a special resource for personal development and growth” offering “many linguistic opportunities to the language teacher” and allowing “many of the most valuable exercises of language learning to be based on material capable of stimulating greater interest and involvement”. It means with reading literary text that could improve students’ vocabulary and structure because there are many of figurative language that included in literary work. it was supported by Collie and Slater (as cited in Tomkova 2008, p. 8)” in reading literature the learners “gain additional familiarity with many different linguistic uses, forms and conventions of the written mode: with irony, exposition, argument, narration, and so on”. Moreover literary text also rich with meaning that could encourage students’ reaction, understanding and interpretation those make students more creative in thinking and argument. Literary text also more interested than course book text because sometimes the learners found their life related to the story. This was supported by Duff and Maley (as cited in Tomkova 2008, p. 10) “literature is motivating because it deals with situations and themes that the writer considered important to address and they point out that the motivational effect of the genuineness of literary texts is increased when the topics relate to the learner's personal experience”.

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According to Carter and Long (as cited in Hwang and Embi 2007, p. 3) “there are three model of teaching literature in ELT they are Language Model, Culture Model and Personal Growth Model.”

1. Language model seeks a closer integration between language and literature. Students can improve their language proficiency by using literature as a resource in language learning.

2. Culture Model views literature as a source of fact or information and therefore, reading tends to be based on obtaining information. In this model the teachers transmit model and information to students.

3. Personal Growth Model seeks the opportunity to students to relate and respond to the theme and issues by making the connection to their personal life.

Regarding the explanation above, this research could be useful in three models teaching literature in ELT. For the Language Model this research could improve students’ language. For example when they watch this movie, there are many of new vocabulary, new language style and also could help them in give information about how is language is used and could be used to created language in class room interaction. For Culture Model this research took an American movie that bring American culture, this could be a good way to students to learn about foreign culture and how American feminism. It was supported by Clandfield and Foord (as cited in Tomkova 2008, p. 10) “literature holds high status in many cultures and countries” therefore students can feel a real sense of achievement at understanding a
piece of highly respected literature”. This research could give more information about American culture. The last is for Personal Growth Model, this research could give contribute to students as personal that could related their thinking or their life experience with the story and the feminism value.