Chapter IV

Research Finding and Discussion

Research Findings

In this chapter, the researcher would like to present the result of research. This result is based on the analysis of the conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel. It is analyzed based on each conflict in the novel. The main character in this research is about Landon conflict.

The researcher explains about the data of conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel, it was found that there are two kinds of conflicts in this novel are internal conflict and external conflict. Internal conflict is conflict man versus himself and external conflict is man versus man and man versus Society. The total number of classification data of conflicts is about 14 data. It consists of 8 data which apply conflict Man Vs Himself, 4 data which apply Man Vs Man and 2 data which apply Man Vs Society.

Internal Conflict

**Man Vs Himself**

In the data classification, the researcher found 8 data when the researcher was reading the novel and investigating conflict Man Vs Himself.

- **Data 01**

  I closed the year book. Jamie Sullivan? Hegbert’s daughter? No way. Absolutely not. My friends would roast me alive. But compared with dating your mother or cleaning up puke or even, God forbid. . . Carey Dennison? (p. 27)
Landon’s conflict and himself, when Landon faced with two choices that she did not want is taking Jamie to the dance but Jamie not the type Landon, or Landon should hear talk of his friends because Landon don’t have a partner.

- **Data 02**

So there I was, sitting in my room, frantic with the possibility that Jamie might not go to the dance with me. I barely slept that night, I tell you, which was just about the strangest thing I’d ever experienced. I don’t think anyone ever fretted about asking Jamie out before.

(p. 28)

Landon’s conflict with himself in the statement above are worried Landon imagine that Jamie can’t go with him to the dance but Jamie goes with Carey who is also a friend of their school. In this conflict, Landon faced with his indecision, on the other hand he had to get Jamie in the dance party, but he thinks that his friend Carey would invite Jamie earlier than him, to lead to long and should think Landon he doesn't sleep until all night.

- **Data 03**

Instead of answering right away, though, Jamie glanced away for a long moment. I got a sinking feeling in my stomach because I assumed she was going to say no. vision of my mother, puke and Carey flooded though my mind, and all of a sudden I regretted the way I’d behaved toward her all these years. I kept remembering all the times I’d teased her or called her father a fornicator or simply made fun of her behind her back. Just when I was feeling awful about the whole thing and imagining how I would ever be able to avoid Carey for five hours, she turned and faced me again.

(p. 33)

Landon was afraid because he felt that Jamie will deny it. Landon imagined his mother who will eventually be friend her date, and he also regret
treatment he against Jamie all along. Landon remembered when she scorned Jamie or talked against that father Jamie an adulterer. He quarreled with his heart as if he feels so guilty.

- **Data 04**

As these images were going through my head, my breathing suddenly went still. I looked at Jamie, then up to the ceiling around the room, doing my best to keep my composure, then back to Jamie again. She smiled at me and I smiled at her and all I could do was wonder how I’d ever fallen in love with a girl like Jamie Sullivan.

(p. 114)

Landon did not think that he could fall in love with Jamie, a woman who always wearing sweater and carries books. Conflict Landon and himself, occurs when Landon as opposed his heart and mind, that his heart began to love Jamie but in his mind he does not want to love Jamie because Jamie is not the type woman he loves.

- **Data 05**

As I thinking about Hegbert, I glanced at Jamie sitting beside me. She was looking out the window with a peaceful look on her face, kind of smiling, but far away at the same. I smiled. Maybe she was thinking about me. My hand started scooting across the seat closer to hers, but before I reached it, Jamie broke the silence.

(p. 116)

Landon began ventured to show that he liked Jamie and Landon thought that Jamie was thinking of him. Conflict man versus himself, occurs when Landon thought that Jamie was thinking about him and Landon began to put his
hand into Jamie. Landon collided with his own heart, he thinks that Jamie Sullivan was thinking about him because when Landon looked at Jamie, Jamie at the same time looked at Landon as dreamy.

- **Data 06**

Being in love with a girl like Jamie Sullivan was without a doubt the strangest thing I’d ever been through. Not only was she a girl that I’d never thought about before this year even though we’d grown up together but there was something different in the whole way my feelings for her had unfolded.

(p. 125)

In the statement above, Landon’s conflict with himself occurs when the mind and heart Landon’s opining difference, Landon’s mind said that love Jamie the strangest thing in his mind, because Jamie is a woman he does not love. While his heart, feel something to Jamie, in other words Landon secretly starting to like Jamie.

- **Data 07**

I was afraid, more afraid than I’d ever been, not only her, but for me as well. I lived in fear of doing something wrong, of doing something that would offend her. Was it okay to ever get angry in her presence? Was it okay to talk about the future anymore? My fear made talking to her difficult, Thought she was patient with me.

(p. 147)

Landon’s conflict with himself, where he was afraid to do something wrong against Jamie, he's afraid of doing anything that could possibly hurt Jamie’s feeling. Landon is a fight with his own heart that he was afraid to be everything he would do, but on the other hand he wants to give the best to Jamie.
Data 08

“I don’t know what to do,” I said numbly, staring into the dim light of my bedroom lamp. My mom and I were sitting on my bed.

(p. 151)

Landon is afraid of what he was doing, he had to be in conflict with himself, where he was desperate, because on February a state of Jamie would be even worse. Landon’s heart said that he want to do something, but Landon’s mind cannot think of anything that makes Landon become desperate, although Landon eager to help cure diseases Jamie.

External Conflict

Man Vs Man

In the data classification, the researcher found 4 data when the researcher was reading the novel and investigating the conflict between Man Vs Man.

Data 01

“You’re not in a very good mood, are you?” she finally asked. “You didn’t even try tonight.”
“You don’t miss a thing, do you?” I said sarcastically without looking at her.
“Maybe I can help,” she offered. She said it kind of happily, which made me even a little angrier.
“I doubt it,” I snapped.
“Maybe if you told me what was wrong” I didn’t let her finish.
“Look.” I said, stopping, turning to face her. “I’ve just spent all day hauling crap, I haven’t eaten since lunch and now I have to trek a mile out of my way to make sure you get home, when we both know you don’t even need me to do it”

(p. 93)
Conflict man versus man above, which is Landon have to answer Jamie’s questions Jamie are not too important, so Landon be emotion and angry with Jamie.

- **Data 02**

  “She stopped me suddenly and looked right at me. “Are you lying to me right now?”
  “No,” I said defensively, wondering where this was going. “I promise that from now on, I’ll always tell you the truth.”
  Somehow, when I said it, I knew that I’d come to regret it.

  (p. 139)

The conflict is man versus man in the statement above when Landon conflict with Jamie because Landon defend himself when Jamie told that he lied to Jamie, for fear of Jamie will feel sad, Landon promised to Jamie not to lie, Landon know when he would say that he would be sorry because he has lied to Jamie, but what may make it all done Landon that Jamie will not feel sad.

- **Data 03**

  “Please don’t say that,” she said to me. “Please. . .”
  “But I do,” I said, thinking she didn’t believe me.
  She began to cry even herder. “I’m sorry,” she whispered to me through her ragged sobs. “I’m so, sorry. . .”

  (p. 141)

The conflict is man versus man in *A Walk to Remember* novel page 141 occurs when Landon should argue with Jamie, where Landon who says that he fell in love with Jamie, but she does not want Landon say like that, Landon stuck to love Jamie, Landon thinks Jamie not believe the words that are spoken.
“You can’t be in love with me, Landon,” she said through red and swollen eyes. “We can be friends, we can see each other. . . but you can’t love me.” “Why not?” I shouted hoarsely, not understanding any of this. “Because,” she finally said softly, “I’m very sick, Landon.” The concept was so absolutely foreign that I couldn’t comprehend what she was trying to say. “So what? You’ll take a few days. . .” A sad smile crossed her face, and I knew right then what she was trying to tell me. Her eyes never left mine as she finally said the words that numbed my soul. “I’m dying, Landon.”

Man versus man conflict in this statement when Landon who argued with Jamie, Landon who retains his love. Jamie do not want to like that, Jamie just want Landon and her friends only, but Landon not want like that, and then Jamie had to tell the truth why she was not allowed Landon love her because Jamie was is dying so Landon cannot do anything about it and Landon be silent in the frozen soul.

Man Vs Society

In the data classification, the researcher found 2 data when the researcher was reading the novel and investigating the conflict between Man Vs Society.

Data 01

Me and my friends might sneak out late and soap up car windows now and then or eat boiled peanuts in the graveyard behind the church, but in the fifties that was the kind of thing that made other parents shake their heads and whisper to their children, “You don’t want to be like that Carter boy. He’s on the fast track to prison.”
The explanation above, it showed that Landon is troublemaker. The naughty of Landon is contravened the rule of society around on him, them make then restless, it happened when he soap up car windows and threw peanut peel in the back yard of mound church. From delinquency of Landon that occurred conflict between him and society, that no other people around him, event the parents of his friends who forbid their children to delinquency Landon.

**Data 02**

My noble feelings about doing the play had worn off by the second day of rehearsals. Even though I knew I was doing the “right thing,” my friends didn’t understand it at all, and they’d been riding me since they’d found out. “You’re doing what?” Eric asked when he learned about it. “You’re doing the play with Jamie Sullivan? Are you insane or just plain stupid?” I sort of mumbled that I had a good reason, but he wouldn’t let it drop, and he told everyone around us that I had a crush on her. I denied it, of course, which just made them assume it was true, and they’d laugh all the louder and tell the next person they saw.

(p. 63)

Conflict man versus society here is implicit on the underline sentence. The conflict here occurred between Landon and his friends, it occurred because Landon’s relation with Jamie and her friends cannot appreciate it and it make him dilemma. He has to choose to follow his friends and his desire to Jamie.

**Discussion**

**Main Character**

The characters are characters in a story, the author wishes he had acted according to the story (Keraf, 2007, p.164). That is what make character is very important in a fiction, novels, romances, short story, or drama. It is because character can build the plot of a story. (Meyer, 1990, p.61). To create a satisfying
story that should display one or several characters whose have personalities are intelligent, wise, full of motivational and full of inspiration. And also some characters who are poor as opposed to the main character. The process of showing and describing the characters is called characterization (Keraf, 2007:164). How they act, behave and act in the most good and positive an important lesson for a reader or the audience in a drama.

In describing the discussion, researcher explains the main character in *A Walk to Remember* novel. The main character in *A Walk to Remember* is Landon who has the conflict in the novel. Landon have a many conflict in *A Walk to Remember novel*, just consist two conflicts showed in *A Walk to Remember* novel they are internal conflicts and external conflict.

**Character Landon Carter**

In the novel, Landon is the main character, Landon also had a good trait, but he is also naughty. It was marked from his attitude who does not like Jamie because Jamie is the most peculiar girl he had ever known before. Jamie is always carried the book everywhere and always wearing the same sweater every day.

Landon is the main character who has internal and external conflicts, where internal conflicts is he and himself, while the external conflicts he had with Jamie and other friends.
Internal conflicts that exist between Landon and himself, where Landon loves Jamie but he still can’t believe that he would love a girl like Jamie. As for the internal conflict in the novel a walk to remember that is where Landon is afraid to do anything that would hurt Jamie.

The internal conflict in A Walk to Remember novel, was more dominated the feeling of the character who made mistakes to another character happened to Landon. The data of this research show that Landon feels sad that he was made a mistake to Jamie.

**Conflict of A Walk to Remember**

A Walk to Remember novel, is talking about romance story between Landon and Jamie. In this story, Landon is a main character. Landon has conflict between him and himself, him and Jamie and him and his friend. The conflict can be seen in the statement from character in A Walk to Remember novel.

In this novel, the only one main character who is antagonist character is Landon, because in the first time, Landon does not like Jamie, after he started familiar with Jamie and after staging plays he started aware the kindness of Jamie so he starts fell in love with Jamie. While, the protagonist character is Jamie. Jamie always kind to anybody and she was feared of her parents. In stories A Walk to Remember novel is displayed internal conflict and external conflict viewed from statement spoken by the character.

The result of this research show that the conflict that happen in this novel more dominated by social conflict. The data of this research show that many conflicts, there are man versus himself, man versus man, man versus society.
For more explanation of each internal conflict and external conflict is explained as follow:

- **Internal Conflict**

  Internal conflict is a conflict that exists inside a character’s mind. In other word, conflict is a fight against himself (Nurgiyantoro, 2009: 124). Wilde’s story is built through the conflicts faced by the characters which they use duplicate names.

  Internal conflict is a conflict occurred in a character with her/his self. This conflict occurred to Landon with himself. Internal conflict means that there is something in the character’s mind. It is about her/his bad feeling or something.

  Pay attention to the following example from conflict Landon Versus Himself:

  I was afraid, more afraid than I’d ever been, not only her, but for me as well. I lived in fear of doing something wrong, of doing something that would offend her. Was it okay to ever get angry in her presence? Was it okay to talk about the future anymore? My fear made talking to her difficult, Thought she was patient with me.

  (p. 147)

  Landon in conflict with himself, where he was afraid to do something wrong against Jamie, he's afraid of doing anything that could possibly hurt Jamie’s feeling though she is.

  This conflict is does not involve anyone else. This conflict was marked by turmoil that arises within oneself about such things as values. Strength of character will be seen in his attempt to face turmoil and also usually has
something to do with a choice like choosing between right and wrong or it may have to do with overcoming emotions or mixed feelings.

- **External Conflict**

  External Conflict is conflict between individual and other that is Interpersonal conflict. And also conflict between individual and group.

  Conflicts between individuals and groups, this often relates to how individuals face pressures to achieve conformity, which emphasized to them by their work groups. For example it can be said that one individual can be punished by a working group because he cannot achieve the productivity norms of the group in which he resides (Stoner in Iyandri, 2013).

  External conflict in *A Walk to Remember* novel happening between Landon with Jamie, and Landon with his friends.

  The example from conflict Man versus Man or Landon Versus Jamie:

  “You’re not in a very good mood, are you?” she finally asked. “You didn’t even try tonight.”
  “You don’t miss a thing, do you?” I said sarcastically without looking at her.
  “Maybe I can help,” she offered. She said it kind of happily, which made me even a little angrier.
  “I doubt it,” I snapped.
  “Maybe if you told me what was wrong” I didn’t let her finish.
  “Look.” I said, stopping, turning to face her. “I’ve just spent all day hauling crap, I haven’t eaten since lunch and now I have to trek a mile out of my way to make sure you get home, when we both know you don’t even need me to do it”
  
  (p. 93)

  By seeing the conversation above, it can be seen that is Landon conflict with Jamie, Jamie asks Landon if Landon is fine, but Landon even scold Jamie and he also snapped Jamie, Landon says that she spent a day to cut property, he
has not eaten since lunch and now he must walk a mile just to make sure if Jamie got home.

The example from conflict Man versus Society or Landon versus his friends:

Me and my friends might sneak out late and soap up car windows now and then or eat boiled peanuts in the graveyard behind the church, but in the fifties that was the kind of thing that made other parents shake their heads and whisper to their children, “You don’t want to be like that Carter boy. He’s on the fast track to prison.

(p. 9)

Conflict man versus society above, Landon is hated by many people, especially parents of his friends because naughty, the parents of his friends forbid their children to delinquency Landon.

External conflicts typically occur between one character and other characters, even the fact of the matter is also conflict events. Instead, because of the conflict, other events may also be having sprung up. The conflict for the sake of conflict that followed by events by event will cause the conflict became increasingly.