

## ABSTRACT

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A Study of Josephine March's Character Development in Louisa May  
Alcott's *Little women*

This thesis concerns with the process of development in Josephine March's character traits in Louisa May Alcott's *Little women*. In the beginning of the story, Jo's character traits are shown by her early ways in solving her problems. Through some events and conflicts, Jo finally develops. Therefore, I am curious to find out the process of Jo's development and her changing ways in handling her problems. As I use literary approach, I apply the theories of characterization and conflict. In my analysis, I observe both external and internal conflicts which make Jo's character traits develop. I analyze Jo's process of development due to her relationship with her sisters in her family. I also analyze Jo's character changes in her relationship with others, especially with her friend Laurie. As a conclusion, I find out the conflicts lead Jo to her character development. Besides, Jo's falling in love with Prof. Bhaer, and her sisters' happy marriages also make Jo become a wiser and better person.

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