

4. CONCLUSION

Finally, I conclude my study in this chapter. Josephine March, the main character in *Little women* obviously has changed and becomes a better person. In the beginning Jo's initial characters are revealed by her attitudes and ways in handling her problems. First, she could not control her emotion and fantasy well which makes her unwilling to forgive Amy's fault and takes a decision in a rush. Besides, she prefers taking care of her family and her career in writing to having a marriage so that she cannot accept her sister Meg's desire to marry. She also cannot accept the reality that Beth is already dead. Finally she is bothered by Laurie's love for her.

Jo March faces both internal and external conflicts. Her external conflicts happen with Amy when she does not want to forgive Amy and with Meg when she does not want to accept Meg's wish to get married. Besides, she has a conflict with Laurie when he tries to show his love to her. Not loving him, Jo does not tell the truth and avoids Laurie by going to New York.

The internal conflicts take place when she thinks again about her manner in handling her problem with her sisters and her love problem with Laurie. She reconsiders her manner in dealing with her sisters that she is too hard on Amy, not forgiving her since she is very angry with her. Besides, Jo thinks again about her manner in not accepting Meg's marriage and Beth's death. There are several events that lead her to her development. The first event is when Amy almost dies because of her fault. At that time, Jo really realizes that she loves Amy and does not want to lose her. Jo wants Amy to recover from her illness. Jo promises herself that she will forgive Amy. The second event is her sister Meg's happy marriage. Jo who feels lonely because of Beth's death feels comforted after she sees her sister's happy marriage. While avoiding Laurie, Jo meets Prof. Bhaer in New York. This last event makes Jo realize about the meaning of true love. She finally decides to marry him which finally leads her to achieve her happiness.

After Jo can overcome her problems and both of her internal and external conflicts, her character develops. It can be seen from her later ways in handling problems in her life. I find out that Jo changes positively. She becomes

patient and can make a wiser decision than before. She also becomes realistic and willing to forgive Amy's fault. Besides, she also does not reject one's desire to marry anymore and also she can accept the reality of Beth's death. She accepts marriage for her sisters and for herself. Before that, however, Jo settles her problem with Laurie. She makes him understand that she does not love him and let his love and marry Amy.

From the study, I eventually learn that every problem or conflict in life is very significant to lead to character development. When one can face it in the right way, then his/her character will develop and change him/her into a new person. And the greatest thing that can make people change drastically is love. The power of love is really great. It can make people change into better persons. Therefore, love should be present in order to achieve happiness.