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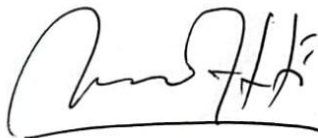
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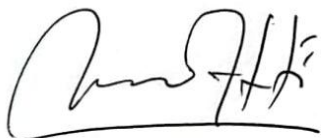
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In this era, the rise of feminism and the issue of gender equality is a important topic of discussion in the society. The issue reviewed into an interesting stories in form a film. The movie of Little Women raises the feminism and gender equality. Little Women shows the contrast in gender inequality that exists in patriarchal society. This research is to find out how the audience receives the message of feminism and the issue of gender equality embedded in it in the Little Women movie.

This research discusses feminism and gender equality based on the Little Women movie. Little Women is one of the films adapted from a best-selling novel in the late 1800s. In this research, the author discusses the description of the March family. The descriptive-qualitative method is used to analyze the feminism and gender equality. In analyzing the data, feminism theory analysis is proposed by Bell Hooks Feminist Theory from Margin to Center (1984) which focused on theory of Liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, and Radical Feminism.

The collecting of data by describing and analyzing by watching the movie, understanding sentence by sentence, and analyzing the feminism theory and gender equality within the characters through the three feminism theory analysis as well as identify the characters through dialogues from Little Women movie, dialogue scripts, and also from the internet, journals, books, and theses. In analyzing this research, the author grouped dialogues from films and scripts that can show the picture of feminism and gender equality. The first finding focuses on the classification of liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, and Radical Feminism. Second, the classification of gender equality on women's character for reaching their dream in the patriarchal society.

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“In this suffocating world, I laughed for a moment at one small thing.”

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