

## **CHAPTER II**

### **REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE**

#### **2.1 THEORITICAL FRAMEWORK**

##### **2.1.1 Literature**

In the study of English, there are some branches of learning focus. One of them is “Literature”, it is a “literary study connected with the human life, like behavior, feelings, social condition and tradition among them” (Ariyati, 2014:4). The statement explains that literature is the study that reveals the condition of human life both inside and outside of them. There are some kinds of literary works that are interesting to be discussed, such as drama, poetry, prose, short story, novel, etc.

In this study, the researcher uses movie script as the research object to be analyzed. Movie script is including to the drama that present as a movie. “Drama is a mode of fictional representation through dialogue and performance. It is one of the literary genres, which is an imitation of some action”. (<http://literarydevices.net/drama/>). From that statement, drama can define as a human behavior that represent in story with some aspect such as dialogue, plot, character, music, and setting. In Literature, drama has some types of genre like comedy, tragedy, melodrama, musical drama

##### **2.1.2 Feminism**

In general, feminism means the theory about men and women should be equal politically, economically and socially. Hooks (2010) in his book *Feminism is for Everybody* said that “Feminism is a bunch of angry women who want to be like men”. In the concept of feminism women are able to equal with men in any field. Women are able to do what men do. It is why feminism always identical with women. But, in other statement he also explains that “Feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression” (Hooks, 2010:1). This statement means feminism is not only about women, the movement not about being anti-male, but there are still male in feminism.

In his other book entitled *AIN'T I A WOMAN Black Women and Feminism*, he revealed that “Feminism has been the motivating force behind changes in woman’s role; in actuality changes in the American capitalist economy have had the greatest impact on the status of women” (Hooks, 1990:105). Feminism is as a tool to change women life to involve their status in a society. It is seen in the movie script “Suffragette” which women in England at that time fight to gain political equality. They want to get the right to vote and interference in political affairs through campaign and solidarity. “Political solidarity between females expressed in sisterhood goes beyond positive recognition of the experiences of women and even shared sympathy for common suffering” (Hook, 2010:15)

“Other definition of feminism focus on the concept of equity, with a goal of reorganizing society on the basis of equality for the sexes in all areas of social relations” (Griffin, A.Foss and K.Foss, 1999:3). Feminism can be defined as orientation for society to live in social environment. Bell Hook also mentions in his book entitled “*Feminist Theory From Margin to Center*” that feminism defined as social equality with men might easily become a movement that would primarily affect the social standing of white women in middle and upper class groups while affecting only in a very marginal way the social status of working class and poor women (Hooks, 1984:18).

### **2.1.3 Feminism Issue**

Feminism has become a general issue that examines about women movement in the world. Feminism issue contains of the problem of gender inequality with women as the main subject. In literature, feminism issue is increasingly an interesting issue to be discussed in everyday life. Some kinds of feminism issue appear as debated problem for women. The most issue emerges in several fields, such as social and political. Feminism issue can be referred to the women independent and looking for identity, they have a right to live as themselves and need identity for live as component of society and regardless from discrimination. “There is much evidence substantiating the reality that race and class identity creates differences in quality of life, social status, and lifestyle

that take precedence over the common experience women share-differences which are rarely transcended” (Hooks, 1984;4). It means that class identity and social status can be determined the equality of women. In short, a woman in high social status is more respected than women in lower social status.

Because their weakness, they cannot appear as a leader in society, or organization. “All women according to men’s thought, were feeble minded, frail, physically weak, vulnerable, and intellectually inferior to men” (Damayanti, 2011:31). Because some reasons above, women are not considered to have equality as same as men. Although their existence often disregarded, they never give up and constant to fight for their equality.

#### **2.1.3.1 Women’s Struggle for Equality**

Since the founding of the United Nations, equality between men and women has been among the most fundamental guarantees of human rights (United Nation Human Right, 2014: 3). Women right seem as the most controversial issue from several decades, because there are some country not give a right and equality for women as citizen of a country, such as the right to vote. As a part of citizen in a country, women have a right to be equal and get a justice without certain differences with men. Based on theory of Justice “The main idea of justice as fairness, that the principles of justice are those that would be agreed to by rational persons in an original position of equality, prepares the way for extending the definition of good to the larger questions of moral goodness” (John Rawls, 1971: 384). Based on the theory, in this study can be interpreted that Justice is an agreement of the right of citizen both men and women who does not harm one of them. Equality is one part of justice that should be considered for every citizen, no matter men or women, because the status of equality will determine a justice for citizen.

“Equality can be defined in terms of both individuals and a wide variety of groups, it can relate to many different dimensions of people’s lives and it can refer to many different types of relationship, all of these differences having some kind of basis in the idea of treating people as equals” (Baker,at all, 2004;22). In short equality means the way to treating people both individuals and groups, both

men and women to be equal. "Inherent to the principle of equality between men and women, or gender equality, is the concept that all human beings, regardless of sex, are free to develop their personal abilities, pursue their professional careers and make choices without the limitations set by stereotypes, rigid gender roles and prejudice (United Nation Human Right, 2014:35). The statement explained that, to be equal there are no distinction between men and women to develop their potential in their life, they have the same opportunity without any problem of gender discrimination.

Struggle means the fight to achieve what want to achieve, in this case women struggle equality is the fight of women to gain equality as citizen of a country. The aim of women struggle equality is only to get a justice in a country, because women are often regarded as second – class citizen where their existence are less recognize by government. This study is focus on two field of equality; Social and political equality, it seem as a field where women often get discrimination. For social field McClain and Grossman (2009:4) stated that "Gender inequality persists in basic institutions of civil society, such as the family, the workplace, educational entities, and public institutions, such as elected office". The statement referred that there are some kinds of inequality in social field that makes women fight to reform their position in society to be equal with men. While in political field, women struggle equality do to get the right to vote, giving a judgment, and participate in political affairs. McClain and Grossman (2009:4) also stated that "Struggles for equality, and the challenges they pose to existing frameworks, are evident in the judicial, legislative, and executive arenas". Like men, women are also need an evident in political affairs to convey their aspiration as a citizen in a country.

The struggle to get equality is not easy for women. Through women organization they fight to oppose injustice of government. "Women's societies organized their own campaigns, held their own conventions, and performed all the other tasks vital in maintaining these organizations" (Mounthjoy, 2008:40). Before nineteenth century women organization in England has been campaigning to get their equality in politic. "The campaign for women's suffrage emerged in the 1860s as a radical liberal initiative seeking to extend the parliamentary vote to

women of the propertied classes” (Mayhall, 2003:6). It’s mean that women in England lost their right in this field. Inequality in right motivated them to struggle for being independent, equal and free from discrimination. “Rights can inspire struggle, struggle which may in part take the form of litigation but which ultimately depends on the organization of those demanding these rights to reshape the state in the image of a social democracy where both the social question and democratic practice are honored”(Erez and gross, 2007:211). Although in the final women in England get their equality, it’s not regardless from how the hard and suffer their sacrifice to get a justice.

### **2.1.3.2 Social Equality**

Human is social creature who are cannot regardless one each other, both men and women need social interaction in society. Social equality is essentially an equation given to everyone in the social field. The distinction between men and women in social status frequently makes women as a second society often disregarded. Like a man, woman also needs a guarantee for life in community without threat and anxiety. Social Equality will vouch women’s right in society such as the right for security and work. “The right to work and to social security is closely linked to the right to an adequate standard of living and the continuous improvement of living conditions for oneself and one’s family”(United Nation Human Right, 2014:70). It means that women have the right to get an exact workplace that make them comfort and secured.

The principle of social relationship in society should be understood and give advantages for everyone, both men and women. “A social ideal in turn is connected with a conception of society, a vision of the way in which the aims and purposes of social cooperation are to be understood” (John Rawls, 1971:9). If there is any gender discrimination in society, that is no social ideal because there is no purposes of social cooperation between men and women.

In social life women need security of violence and safety to vouch their life in community. This condition is through by Maud’s Character who often gets violence in her work, because women are present as weak human. Not enough for that, as a member of women campaign Maud and her group always get

mistreating from policy department. That illustration proved that the situation of women social life in England at that time closely inhuman, because women who should be protected, otherwise not respected even get despising.

### **2.1.3.3 Political Equality**

“Politics has usually been understood as an activity that takes place in the ‘public sphere’ in government institutions, political parties, pressure groups and public debate” (Hadjipavlou, 2010:24). Political issue seem as a spotlight issue in every country, because there are many speculation include in this field. From years ago political problem become a controversial issue for women in England. Like as second citizenship, they lose their political right and get inequality in public sphere. “Women’s ability to participate in public and political life is integrally related to their ability to claim citizenship and nationality related rights.” (United Nation Human Right, 2014:44). For women who cannot claim their citizenship, such as missing birth certificate, they have not a right to vote because at that time women only represent by their male relatives. Only women from high status family can have the right to vote. These reasons make women feel discriminate as citizen, because their opinion cannot deliver to the government.

.“Women’s right to participation also includes participating in civil society, public boards, local councils and the activities of political parties, trade unions, professional or industry associations, women’s organizations, community-based organizations and other organizations concerned with public and political life. (United Nation Human Right, 2014:47). Political rights included questions of public involvement, such as jury duty and suffrage” (Mountjoy, 2008: 20). The two statements explained that women right in political affairs is not only the right to vote but also other problem that related to political affairs. “The concept of citizenship itself has evoked vigorous debates over meanings as well as the materiality of participative politics” (Rai, 2005:18). The claim of citizenship makes women difficult to have the right to join in political affairs.

To realize their equality in political sphere, many women in England rebelled through their campaign from time to times to protest the government of

their inequality. It because women have the right to get equality and to be equal with man for determines the outcome of political life of the country. “It requires that all citizens are to have an equal right to take part in, and to determine the outcome of the constitutional process that establishes the laws with which they are to comply” (John Rawls, 1971:194). Maud’s character in this study is concern to the women who gathered to women organization in movie script “Suffragette” where she is a wife and mother who include in women campaign to oppose inequality for women in her city.

The struggle of Maud’s character show that women cannot live in injustice, they need opportunity to give their opinion in the public. “Perhaps the most obvious political inequality is the violation of the precept one person one vote” (John Rawls: 203). It means that everyone of citizen should be have opportunity to give their vote, include women without any compulsion and based on their mind and feeling.

#### **2.1.3.4 Women’s Equality in Literary Works**

Equality is always concerned with women to be equal with men in many field of life. In literary work, women’s equality is the controversial issue from several decades. Inequality in social and political field has become the most conflicting for women since before and early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The issue of women’s equality appears since the first wave of feminism around 1830s – early 1990s, (Dorey – Stein, 2015). While “1890 – 1920 is the peak of suffrage activism to fight for being equal with men in political through debate and public protest” (Spring, 2001:1). In that periods women are struggle to get their equality by conducted a variety women organization such as women campaign to demand their justice to the government, and one of their achievement is getting the right to vote.

#### **2.1.4 Suffragette**

The terminology of “Suffragette” found in the object of this research which is the title of the movie script that will analyze by the researcher. The movie is about the struggle of women to gain social and political equality.

“Suffragette” is derived from suffrage, which means “the right to vote.” At first, the name is used to describe members of the Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU), a radical and violent splinter group within the English women’s suffrage movement (Mountjoy, 2008: 76). The role of suffragette is as the radical activist in women campaign to demand woman suffrage

“Femininity and freedom, the two primary idioms through which suffragettes articulated beliefs about the emancipatory possibilities of women’s enfranchisement, illuminate the struggle suffragettes ought over citizenship’s embodiment” (Mayhall, 2003:96). As we know the aim of suffragette is struggle to be equal, their effort is only for freedom and admission as citizen of the country.

From many woman activist of suffragette the name “Emmeline Pankhurst “is the most women activist in Britain that gives significant contribution for women in the world to get social and political equality. She is the founder of “Suffragettes” in Women Social and Political Union (WSPU). The women – only WSPU, with its slogan ‘Deeds, not words’ became the most notorious of the groupings campaigning for votes for women and its members known as ‘suffragettes’” (Purvis, 2017:2) From several decades the suffragettes fight to gain social and political equality and independent from gender discrimination, it seen from the struggle of suffragettes in several countries. It also appears in the Maud’s character in the movie script “Suffragette” which is she fight to gain social and political equality for women in her country. The struggle full of suffer and obstacles.

## **2.2 PREVIOUS STUDY**

As a consideration of the study entitled “The Struggle of Maud’s Character to Gain Women Social and Political Equality in The Movie Script “Suffragette”, the researcher considers some source of previous studies. The first is a *skripsi* entitled *Woman’s Struggle for Equal Suffrage in American Progressive Era Depicted in Iron Jawed Angels Movie* (Damayanti, 2011). In her study, she analyzes the struggle of women who gets equality in social, economy and politics in American Society in early 20th Century. She analyzes three points



in her study, first is problems related to women rights, it explains about the problem of women who does not get equality in certain field such as social, economy and politic. Second, suffragist and suffragette, it tells about the fighting of women to get their right by becoming women activist called suffragist and suffragette. And the last is Alice struggle for equal suffrage, it focus of Alice's character who become suffragist suffragette who use peaceful way to reach the goal.

The research source is relevance with recent study, although there are some differences between the two. The first is the distinction of the object of the research, the research source uses movie entitled "Iron Jawed Angels" with American background as a country, whereas the recent study use movie script entitled "Suffragette" with England background. The second is the subject of the research, if the research source analyzes the struggle of women to get social, economy and political equality, then, in the recent study only focuses to the struggle of women to gain social and political equality. Although there are some differences, the researcher considers those *skripsi* because there are some information can be used to support the recent study.

The second related study, the writer considers the thesis with the title "*An Analysis of the Main Female Character's Efforts in John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath*" (Santosa, 2011). The research is examined about the effort of the main female character namely "Ma Joad" to be equal in her family and society. Ma Joad get discriminating in her family, her opinion is not accepted in family discussion. She also prohibited to take men duties her family. Not only in family, but also in society, Ma Joad is difficult to participate in public sphere because her stereotype as a woman. Ma's family thinks if she can't save her family in the society. Because those reason Ma Joad shows her effort to be equal in her family and society, because in fact, her husband can't lead their family kindly. She takes that opportunity to present her ability to arrange her family, and save it in society.

This study have similar problem with present study, where main female character can't be equal with her men's family. She also can't present in public affair because her husband. There some differences between related studies with recent study, in the related study the main female character gets inequality in

family and society. Then, it also discusses about stereotype, while in the recent study is not. But the two have correlation in its topic problem that investigates about women equality.

The third previous study, the researcher uses an article entitled "*The Campaign for Women's Suffrage in Britain* (Purvis). This article contains an overview of women's campaign for vote in Britain in 1865 – 1928. It tells how the effort of Emmeline Pankhurst and other women's social activists are fighting to get the right in parliament. By becoming 'suffragists' of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) in 1897, and 'suffragettes' of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in 1903. In NUWSS their effort is not successful, and only in WSPU they are known as a notorious women's campaign group with the slogan "Deeds, not words". Their struggle brought a good outcome, in 1928 women in Britain got their right to vote. This article is closely concerned with the recent study, because the background of the movie script "Suffragette" is relatively the same, the time setting in the script is in 1912, where the main character Maud's begins to join in women's association to gain social and political equality.