

ABSTRACT

Women and children invite society attention around the world. It happens because of their lack in position among the patriarchy world. This patriarch system, which gives more power to men, makes the existence of women and children weak in the social organization. It stimulates the occurrence of domestic violence in the society. *The Color Purple* describes a great story of child sexual abuse and women violence around black society that is dominated by the patriarch system.

Celie's struggle as the main character is revealed through her experience in her life. She observes, reads and writes; such education becomes the main things to guide someone gaining knowledge. Beside, woman solidarity spread out to her environment, that supports her to fight and struggle against subordination both child sexual abuse and domestic violence. This relation of solidarity among women and children grows out of their needs and affection. Thus, she develops an intimate relation with her female partner, which is identified as a lesbian. To understand a woman's struggle in a novel well, characterization is better used in this analysis to answer the statement of the problems.

In this thesis, the writer wants to prove that Celie is a struggler by using supporting approach such as black and lesbianism. She struggles over many abuses and violence in her life. Her consciousness awaken when she leaves her brutal husband that she can found her goal ideal of love and life. Being a lesbian for Celie is a choice for Celie to make her secure and satisfied. Even finally, she can live independently and peacefully with her sister and her two children.

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION