

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

Having read the novel The Color Purple, I conclude that the author has been successful in presenting the theme. The theme is revealed through the protagonist. I come to the opinion that the theme of The Color Purple is “Support from other women is very important and can help a woman to change and have a better life”.

In this story, the protagonist, Celie, is a woman who has been oppressed by men. She has never been appreciated, especially by her father or her husband. She becomes a woman who has never struggled for a better life and who never fights against oppression she faces because she is afraid of the men who have oppressed her and she does not have courage to fight.

Celie gets a lot of support from other women. She gets support from Kate, Albert’s sister, who convinces her that she deserves to have a better life. Then she also gets support from Sofia, Albert’s daughter-in-law, who teaches her how to fight for a better life. Nettie, Celie’s sister gives her moral support in her letters to leave Albert, her husband, so Celie can get a better life. And Celie also

gets support from Shug, who gives Celie moral and physical support, which changes Celie a lot. The support from Shug is the most important in Celie's changing and makes Celie have courage to decide to do something good for her life.

Celie's character changes because of the support that she gets from other women. The other women want to help Celie even though they are not related at all, except Nettie, who is Celie's sister. They give Celie courage and inspiration to fight to have a better life. In the end, Celie becomes a woman who can gain her self-respect, and who has courage and independence to move on with her life without depending on somebody else.

I conclude that support can help a woman to change and have a better life, as I can see from the novel. This can be a motivation for other women to follow this example and learn to help other women by giving support, because support is very important in our life.

Most black women did their best in helping other women who have problems in their life, especially about oppression. They did this because, at that time (1910-1940), they have been oppressed by both black men and white people, which can be called a double oppression. The black men and white people always underestimate the black women, so the black women at that time have a high sense of solidarity and always support each other to get freedom from the oppression.

Nowadays, a high sense of solidarity is hard to find, because the conditions have changed. The black women have more freedom and the oppression has been reduced. Men can appreciate women more, and the women

can have the same freedom as men. Besides this, we can see a lot of women's movements which fight for women's freedom.

The writer, Alice Walker, writes this novel because she wants to show us about oppression and how the other women support Celie to solve her problems of oppression. The writer also wants to show us that support is very important in changing someone's life.

I think that The Color Purple by Alice Walker is a very good novel. The novel can teach the readers much about how to support someone to survive from oppression by men and how to get a better life. We, as the readers, can also know that support is very important and can be a big motivation to change and be better.

The novel can be a motivation for us, especially for women, to give support to others and fight against any oppression. We can learn that giving support is important and helping each other is a must, because support can make someone survive and have a better life.