

ABSTRACT

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The Awakening the story, tells domestic life with a different culture, American culture (Edna) and French descent "Creole" (Pontallier) which colored by dishonesty story, and hypocrisy. *The Awakening novel* is a reflection of woman condition in Victorian Era in which women's awareness and the oppression. In *The Awakening*, Edna Pontellier is portrayed as the woman oppression with her husband and dare to do some action are so contradictory to the male authority that has dominated the world or usually we called as the patriarchal system. Due to this, I then proposed two problems: 1) what the factors of the changing of the main character relation to the effect of woman oppression in Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*? 2) what the effects of woman oppression in Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*? 3) what the effect of rebellion relation of woman oppression? In order to analyze these problems, I have chosen of Marxist feminist theory of literary criticism do in this research see that the existence of social establish of awareness and oppression to the woman. This research itself aims to analyze female character's oppression toward the traditional rule that the society holds.

The result of the research it is discovered that Edna has been depressed with her marriage because of her husband's superiority that treats her as an inferior and worthless creature and found the effect of woman oppression they are: disobedient to her husband, dishonest and the rebellion. Refusing to be treated like that, Edna struggles hard to fight the patriarchal system for the hope of freedom and liberty as a woman by changing her own character from a submissive and weak creature to be someone with a strong and independent nature. Her rebellions that reflect the element of feminist proves that she is determinant and persistent with her goals that she gradually gains something. As a woman, Edna is as equal as man and therefore can have the equality in all aspects, including in the marriage