ABSTRACT

Feminists must have known about women's lives during nineteenth century in England's society, which was very complicated and hard. But most of women don't know about the oppression. They do feel being oppressed but they thought that it is women's destiny to serve their husband. So I make this research to describe about the reality of women's lives in nineteenth century in Europe and the effect of patriarchal society to women. Some characters in the Ibsen's play described the patriarchy image, the treatment that women got from men, and the struggle of women to be themselves. First, a literary study is essentially used since this study is intended to describe women's position in nineteenth century in Europe. Next, I explain about the women's position in the family in nineteenth century in Europe and the effect of patriarchal society to women, such as patriarchy, the sex and gender difference, and the women in the family whether as a girl, as a wife, and as a mother in chapter two. Finally in chapter three, I analyze women's position in A Doll's House which make Nora and Mrs. Linde try to struggle to find freedom whether as the subject, as the strong, as the equal, and as the human being. Men's power cannot always rule women, as they want in life.