

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the influence of the mother's backgrounds to the daughters in the novel, the writer comes into conclusion that talks about the answers of formulated problems that have been solved in the previous chapter.

There are two points that can be concluded. The first conclusion concern with the first problem formulation that is how the mothers' backgrounds are. The mothers were born and grown up in China, a land where women do not have so much right. They brought up in Chinese way. When China undergoes political situation turbulences that cause suffering to the people, the mothers in *The Joy Luck Club* decide to move to a better place, the United States of America.

Having had bad experiences in China, all mothers do not want the same things happen to their daughter. They want their daughter have much better lives. They raise their children by combining the values between Chinese and American cultures. The four mothers in the novel have difficulty in raising their children not only because of the different cultures but also the language barrier. The conflict keeps appearing until the daughters are grown up.

The second conclusion concerns with the second problem formulation that is the influence of the mothers' background to their daughters. As the children of Chinese immigrants they are aware that they live in a free status-bound society. They reject their mothers' cultural values. Their mothers' bad experiences in former life in America.

Suyuan Woo experience tragedy when she lived in China. She lost her twin daughters. Years later, Suyuan forces Jing-mei, her next daughter, to be anything she wants to be in raising her. However, Jing-mei puts it in wrong way. She never stratifies her mother. Therefore this makes her get angry easily

An-mei Hsu's strong family principle makes her suffer. When she becomes mother, the way she raise her daughter is influenced by this suffering, she always teaches Rose Hsu, her daughter, the importance of an effort which can make what in one's mind may come true. Nevertheless, Rose knows that an attempt to do would be hopeless. And this makes her adhering Chinese belief

Lindo Jong's marriage when she was a teenager makes her suffer, by using her tricky plan; she can escape from it and go to America. Then she married again and has a prized daughter, Waverly Jong. She was very proud of her daughter's achievement. Waverly turns to be arrogant.

Ying-ying has big secret of her life when she lives in China. However she never tells it to her new husband and her daughter, Lena Clifford. For years, she raises he daughter by accepting American ways. She has no spirit and does not care about anything. Unfortunately it make Lena weak as well. She becomes fragile and passive

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