

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter discusses the way the study is conducted. It also deals with the research method, research procedure, research context, and techniques of data collection and data analysis. They are presented in the following.

3.1 Method of the Research

This study observed and analyzed a novel. The research procedure followed the qualitative study in collecting, classifying, discussing and interpreting the subject of the research. According to Morgan and Drury (2003), a qualitative approach offers an interpretative flexibility that is both reflexive and reactive to the concepts and theories which emerge from the data. It is not focused on answering a hypothesis but it is more emphasized on the research elements in order to understand the problem that the writer examined.

The qualitative method is “a method involving systematically gathering enough information about a particular person, social setting, event, or group to permit the researcher to effectively understand how the subject operates or functions” (Berg, 2007:283). Lanthier (2002) states that one of the advantages of case study research method is that it “provide a great amount of description and detail. Researchers can learn a lot from one case”. Furthermore, a case study research could give us a comprehension of a multifaceted issue and can widen

experience or add strength to what is already known through previous research (Soy, 1997).

The design of analysis in this paper provides a number of descriptions related to freedom issues in Iran and America as textual evidences in the subject of the research. The issues of freedom analyzed and describe in order to see the differences between woman's life in America and in Iran. These descriptions are the basis in the attempt to answer the research questions.

As the first step in conducting the analysis, the close reading strategy was applied in identifying the data/textual evidences (words, sentences and utterances) in the novel. Furthermore, the data collected from the novel was classified to see the differences between freedom in America and in Iran. Then the data analyzed by using existentialist feminism perspective.

3.2 Research Procedure

In analyzing the research context which is the novel *Veil of Roses* written by Laura Fitzgerald, feminist literary criticism which focused on existentialist feminism perspective was used as the tool of analysis. In carrying out the research, several steps had been taken as mentioned below;

1. Finding the subject of the research which is the novel *Veil of Roses* written by Laura Fitzgerald and deciding the main issue from the subject of the research. The main issues are the construction of freedom in the novel and about the feminism issues raised by the author in the novel.

2. Conducting library research to collect and comprehend references that are related to the research.
3. Formulating research questions about the construction of freedom in the novel *veil of roses*.
4. Finding some textual evidences which are related to the research questions.
5. Analyzing and interpreting textual evidences by using existentialist feminism perspective.
6. Drawing conclusion and suggestions based on the findings of the research.

3.3 Research context

This research analyzed a novel entitled *Veil of Roses*. This novel is written by Laura Fitzgerald in 2007, this novel is about a woman who leave her country and move to America to find her freedom. This novel was chosen to be analyzed because it reflects the conception of freedom, which is presented by woman characters in the novel.

3.4 Data Collection and Analysis

The data obtained in this paper was in the form of textual evidence. The close reading strategy was implemented to find the data relating to the freedom issues in the novel. Close reading means paying attention to what is printed on the page. It involves making the researcher sensitive to all the nuances and connotations of language used by skilled writers. This means anything from the

novel's particular vocabulary, sentence construction, and imagery, to the themes that are being dealt with, the way in which the story is being told, and the view of the world that it offers. It involves almost everything from the smallest linguistic items to the largest issues of literary understanding and judgment (Johnson, 2004). The data taken was related to the freedom issues in the novel. The findings then were classified and assessed in accordance with the issue of freedom in the novel. The data classification is aimed to answer the research questions that have been formulated.

Existentialist feminism as one of the parts of feminist literary criticism is used as the framework to analyze the data in this research. The theory focused on Beauvoir's suggestion for women to cease being the second sex. In this case the main woman character is analyzed using this theory, to see if the main woman character employs Beauvoir strategies and existentialist feminism principles. The freedom issues is analyzed to answer the first and second research question. The textual evidences which related to principles of existentialist feminism in the novel, and how freedoms are constructed in the novel is described. Then, the main woman characters is analyzed to see what kind of freedom that main woman character wants, and to analyze the conception of freedoms in the novel and how the freedoms are constructed as reflected by main woman character. The results of the analysis are discussed in the next chapter along with the interpretation of the data.