

ABSTRACT

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In 2003, there was a movie which contained social issues set in 1953, *Monalisa Smile*. *Monalisa Smile* tells about Katherine Watson, an independent woman who works as teacher of History Art in Wellesley. Katherine comes to Wellesley to make a change. She struggles for girl education equality and tries to open her student's mind about the importance of education. Her actions became the main issues of this research. Therefore, the writer applied liberal feminism approach to analyze it. Dialogue and *mise-en-scene* of movie study helped the writer to get more elaborative analysis. From the analysis, it is found that Katherine reflects woman who is smart, independent, and powerful. Katherine's struggle is shown by her action of influencing the student's way of thinking. She tries to change the learning method in Wellesley that discriminates women and she also fights against the patriarchal culture that limit women to express themselves. However, Katherine cannot make a big change for the school because of the patriarchal culture there, but she successfully opens her student's mind about the importance of education.