



show the feminism in her novel's character, then, Hardy's novel show masculinity in his novel's character.

Remember that literary work has several issues which want to deliver to the readers, here, in this research; I am going to use Novel; *The Mayor of Casterbridge* as my object of study. This novel has subtitle, it is 'the life and death of a man of character'. By this subtitle, this novel focuses on the character of the man who *the Mayor of Casterbridge* is called Michael Henchard. Regarding of this reason, I am going to use masculinity theory to discuss his character. Moreover, this issue is going to be my subject of this study.

This issue has to bring masculinity theory. This theory is a vibrant. It means masculinity theory is interdisciplinary field of study broadly concerned with the social construction of what it means to "be a man." "Masculinity" refers to the behaviors, social roles, and relations of men within a given society as well as the meanings attributed to them (Kimmel and Bridges, 2011). Thus scholars of masculinity often refer to masculinities in the plural to highlight the diversity of meanings, roles, and behaviors consumed in the term.

Being a man, absolutely, it should be different to woman characteristics. Moreover, in social aspect, the ideal man can be found out in the way society's perception of Hegemonic masculinity such as Physical strength and boldness, heterosexuality, economic independence, authority over women and other men, an interest in sexual relationships







