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## AN ANALYSIS OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE IN “FREEDOM WRITERS” MOVIE

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### ABSTRACT

This research aims to identify the educational value of the movie "freedom writers". This research used a descriptive qualitative approach. The object was movie "freedom writers". Data collection used was the documentation method. Technique of data analysis was documentary analysis. The conclusion of this research is that the substance of the educational value contained in the film "freedom writers" is the value of firmness, anti-racism and violence, justice, caring, never giving up, the teacher's role as a motivator, the teacher's role as a facilitator, cooperation, honesty, creativity, and freedom of expression. The movie freedom writers contains educational value that can increase student competence.

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## INTRODUCTION

Education is an essential thing in our life, and it has become a basic need of every human in the world. The critical role of education is to develop capabilities and improve the quality of the person. It helps build character and leads to enlightenment. It lays the foundation for a stronger nation. Acquiring an education is not only get in formal education, which is full of a set of laws and norms, presenting a relatively rigid curriculum as regards objectives, content, and methodology, but it can be done everywhere like as in home, in a garden, in a coffee shop, and so on, because in every place we can learn many things then filter and duplicate them into our daily life.

The culture should be developed in a way that encourages in order to include various innovative means and methods to acquire knowledge (Mosa, Nazi bin Marin, & Ibrahim, 2016).

There are three-way of learning; formal education, non-formal education and informal education. In addition to acquiring a formal education at school, people are not aware that having an education in the form of informal environmental education and independent learning activities is undertaken consciously and responsibly. One of the reasons why the movie is chosen as the topic to be analyzed in this study is because most people like watching movies, not only those who live in big cities but also those who live in a small town.

Watching movies can be said as one of the most enjoyable activities in daily human life. Moreover, the movie is one of the media that can be used by its producers to convey their visions and missions to the public. By producing movies, they want to inform, educate, or simply want to entertain people, and even just for arousing business interest after all.

Movies produce an emotional response to audiences. They can be amused, frightened, and excited, but they also can experience tension, patriotism, sorrow, pity, and more. By watching movies, the audience can get more imagination in their mind and get many values by catching the messages conveyed in the story. There are many kinds of movies, such as action, comedies, horror, trailer, drama, etc. The writer prefers to choose drama family movies with new and logical stories for the research topic.

However, they still can convey rich values of life that can help the audience improve their personality. From the explanation above, the writer believes that the movie is considered an important art form, a source of popular entertainment, and a powerful medium for educating and indoctrinating citizens. The movie is one of the media with a massive capability in helping educate people.

In the previous research conducted by Fithria and Rahmi (2016) entitled "Factors Related to Bullying Behavior". Based on the results of research and discussion, it can be concluded that self-esteem, personality, family, school and peers are related to bullying behavior. It is hoped that the school could teach more tolerance and model positive behavior, respect, respect, empathy, care, compassion, and cooperation by building anti-bullying activities such as posters, and forming joint discussions, as well as conducting supervision in areas that are less structured, such as playing fields, canteens or school cooperatives. The school also held meetings with parents of students on issues of violence in schools and together with parents raised their attention to it.

Another relevant research that was conducted by Perdana (2009) with the title *Discrimination and Racism in the Film "Australia" (A Study of Semiotic Analysis of Australian Film)*. From the research that has been carried out using the semiotic analysis method regarding discrimination and racism found in Australian films, it can be concluded, firstly, discrimination and racism in the film "Australia" are formed from a pattern of people's lives that are full of prejudice. Most white people think that Aboriginal people and all their descendants are criminals or people who are considered people with bad and bad behavior.

The difference between this research and the two previous studies is that this research describes the value of education that can be used to overcome bullying. As a reference, research completed by Fitri and Rahmi (2016) and Perdana (2009) has shown that bullying is true and explained the factors that cause bullying to occur. The results of the research are similar to those listed in the film *Freedom Writers*, so that some of the educational values contained in several scenes can later be used as an option in solving similar problems in real life. In addition, since there many problems of racism and the opportunity to implement the educational value contained in the film, the researcher conducted an analysis of the substance of the educational value contained in the film *Freedom Writers*.

Research Question Based on the background above, the question of this research can be formulated as follows: What is the substance of the educational value in the film "Freedom Writers"? Research Purpose, based on the research question above, the purposes of the research are as follows: 10 To identify the substance of the film's educational value "Freedom Writers". Significance of Research.

The significances of this research are: For The Students, After reading this paper, the students would know the way to analyze movies and also can apply the value from the movie. So, they could have a better understanding not only in analyzing the concept of the movie but also the wisdom of life. This research could inspire in giving special treatment to students with variety background. For The Other Researchers this research could be a reference to conduct another relevant research. Based on the background of the study above, this research was focused on investigating values in the Freedom Writers movie directed by Richard LaGravenese. In order to narrow down the focus, the researcher choose the educational value related to the major of the study.

Data and Data Source, writers movies by using some theories of literature. The data were the dialogues as a data source. In this research, the writer tried to explore the value of Freedom All possible information and literary review was collected from the printed material Data Itself is information, usually in facts or statistics, that can be analyzed. spoken by the actor in Freedom Writers movie, which contains a value. It would also be helped by the movie script and movie subtitles. Since the data were in the form of text, the analysis was called a documentary analysis.

On the other hand, the data source is a source in which the data is taken. Data classification is the process of analyzing structured or unstructured data and organizing it into categories based on type, contents, and other metadata. Data classification helps organizations answer important questions about their data (Petters, 2021). Data is classified into two types based on its source: main data source and secondary data source. Because this research was discovered the values in Freedom Writers movies, the primary data was taken by the writer from the screenplay of the Freedom Writers To support the preliminary data, the secondary data was taken from other relevant resources, such as the director's.

Technique and Tools of Data Collection Since the design of the study belonged to descriptive research, the research was choose the documentation method as the technique. Documentation is one of the best ways of establishing dependability in using an audit trail. Audit trails enable others to determine how decisions were taken and the uniqueness of the scenario (Ary, Jacobs, Irvine, & Walker, 2018). In this research, the ways of collecting the data by using the noting technique of screenplay. It means that the writer would give considerable attention to every dialogue among the movie characters and match it to the screenplay and movie subtitle to know the values reflected.

The whole process of this research can be seen in this diagram: Here are some activities conducted by the writer to collect the data: Watching Freedom Writers Movie. This is the first step in looking for the data. In this step, the writer watched a whole movie to be familiar with the characters and the entire story of the movie. Listening carefully to every occurring conversation among the movie players and crossing check them with the movie script. After watching a whole movie, then the next step was listening carefully to the conversation among the movie players and checking them to the screenplay. In this step, the writer was made a note about dialogues that contain values.

Repeating every missing conversation. Watching the movie, there would be some conversations missing heard; in order to overcome this situation,

the writer was repeated the missing conversation to get a deep understanding of it and to know whether the missing conversation stated a value or not. In Writing down and classing the value found. After finishing the steps above, then the writer wrote down the values found and classify them. In this research, the key or the main instrument of this research was the writer itself. It means that the writer used a human instrument as the primer instrument.

The positions were planner, implementer, data collector, analyst, interpreter of the data, and reporter of the results of the research. It is helped by documentation sheets such as field notes to get the data clearly (Melelong, 2018). Besides, another instrument used is electrical media which is in the form of a laptop. Technique of Data Analysis In order to get the outcome of the data, the researcher was implemented data analysis.

Displaying and interpreting data, after categorizing the values, the next step is displaying and explaining the data. Some hypotheses was used to examine the data. It was tricky because there are no established procedures to follow while conducting descriptive research. The quality of the interpretation is determined by the writer's background, viewpoint, knowledge, theoretical orientation, and intellectual talents used for the assignment. The writer provided a detailed explanation of the data while analyzing it.

Drawing the conclusion, after displaying and interpreting the data, the writer got into concluding phase. The conclusion was made clear to make the readers easier to know the result of the study. Giving a finding was not enough. In this research, the writer also verified the data by fleeting second thoughts crossing the writer's mind during the writer, with a short excursion back to the field notes, lengthy argumentation, and using triangulation to know whether or not the data was credible and dependable.

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

In this research, the researcher used descriptive research. In another word, literature research is a study undertaken to answer an issue that is mainly based on a critical and in-depth assessment of the relevant literature sources. The data were the dialogues as a data source. In this research, the writer tried to explore the value of Freedom. All possible information and literary review was collected from the printed material. Data Itself is information, usually in facts or statistics, that can be analyzed. spoken by the actor in the Freedom Writers movie, which contains a value. It would also be helped by the movie script and movie subtitles. Since the data were in the form of text, the analysis was called a documentary analysis.

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## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

In analyzing the Freedom Writers movie, the researcher describes the true meaning displayed by a series of scenes, such as dialogues that are said by the characters. The researcher also describes the hidden meaning, or in this study the connotative meaning is an educative message that is interpreted in each series of scenes in the film Freedom Writers.

**Firmness** In the teaching and learning process, teachers sometimes experience obstacles and challenges from students who behave less educated. Because, before the teaching and learning process is carried out, the teacher must discipline students, and prepare students to learn. In this case the teacher is dealing with various student backgrounds. Firm action is needed from a teacher for any violations committed by students, both disciplinary and behavioral violations. In minutes 00:19:42-00:23:18 The scene contains the connotation of the firmness of a teacher when he encounters students who make noise and create problems in class. In such a situation, the teacher must be able to take decisive action so that students do not continue their activities that can interfere with the learning process.

**Anti-racism and violence**, racism is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks (which is what we call 'race') that unfairly disadvantages some individuals and communities, unfairly advantages other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources. Several scenes in the film Freedom Writers show racism and the impact of violence caused by racist behavior. In the scene 00:14:11-00:16:39 The learning process at Woodrow Wilson High School is disrupted due to riots and fights between students in the school garden. So the educational value that can be taken is that education must teach anti-racism to students in order to avoid disputes due to racial differences.

**Fairness** contains a demand that people treat each other according to their rights and obligations, the treatment is not indiscriminate or favoritism but, all people are treated equally according to their rights and obligations. . In the scene at minute 00:37:19-00:39:05 Margaret Campbell clearly displays discrimination against students in class 203. In the world of education, providing learning facilities, especially books, must be applied to all students and not discriminate only based on their grades and abilities.

**Careness** is a way to maintain relationships with others, where others feel a sense of personal commitment and responsibility. People who prioritize the needs and feelings of others over their own interests are people who care. In the scene, at minute 00:40:35-00:47:19 Erin Gruwell tries to find similarities between the tensions of racial differences that are lived by his students.

The attitude of never giving up is an attitude that is not easily discouraged in facing various obstacles and always works hard to achieve goals. In minutes 00:55:10-00:55:42 the scene shows Erin Gruwell working part-time at a supermarket to collect money to buy proper books for her students. He believes that with decent books, the reading value of his students would increase and the school would be able to provide good learning resource facilities for his students. Motivation is an activity of giving encouragement to someone or oneself to take a desired action. Motivation has a strategic role in one's learning activities. No one learns without motivation, no motivation means no learning. That is why a teacher must be able to motivate the students. At minute 01:50:44-01:52:28 The students of class 203 are very disappointed when Erin Gruwell can't teach them anymore in 3rd grade. Erin tries to convince her students that they made it to 3rd grade because they did their best, not because of Erin. A teacher must have a motivator in himself. A teacher must be able to provide advice that builds the enthusiasm of his students to try to learn and pursue higher education as well as possible.

Creativity, A teacher's creative idea is needed to be able to change the learning situation to be interesting and effective while involving students to be more active. A teacher is an innovator who is basically required to have the ability to improve the quality of education through learning innovation. At 01:03:32-01:07:30 The scene contains the meaning of the teacher's creativity in choosing learning methods.

Teachers must be able to choose learning methods that would be effective in conveying the material and learning topics they want to teach while at the same time being able to provoke students' enthusiasm to understand the material presented. Freedom of expression, As an educator, teachers do not only play a role in encouraging student achievement, but also further to motivate students to be more active, passionate about learning and foster curiosity in students. Teachers must motivate students to get used to asking questions, because it is important for personality development and knowledge enhancer. In addition, teachers must be able to teach students to dare to express their opinions and thoughts openly.

The research entitled "Analysis of educational values in the film freedom writers" aims to identify the substance of educational values contained in the film through the documentary analysis method. The results of the research are similar to those listed in the film freedom writers, so that some of the educational values contained in several scenes can later be used as an option in solving similar problems in real life. In addition, since there many problems of racism and the opportunity to implement the educational value contained in the film, the researcher conducted an analysis of the substance of the educational value contained in the film Freedom Writers.

In order to extract educational values, the researcher uses documentary analysis on scenes in film freedom writers. The value shown by sign is actor's action, actor's dialogues, and expressions displayed by actors. There are 11 educational value found in movie freedom writers as follow:Firmness, the challenge in education today is a challenge for teachers in dealing with students in the teaching and learning process. Teachers are expected to generate learning motivation, curiosity, and a strong interest to take lessons at school and actively participate in them. Enforcing discipline and being firm is very important, because with discipline it can be seen how much the teacher can obey the rules. With the implementation of discipline, an effective and an efficient learning process would be achieved.

Varieties, especially in culture, religion and race directly or indirectly have provided many challenges for mankind. One of the biggest challenges is violence between student when they have racist behavior. According to the National Commission for Child Protection, there have been 26 cases of fights due to racism out of a total of 188 cases of brawls. 1 of them died and the other 1 was paralyzed (Statistik, 2022). Providing early education to the nation's children by instilling anti-violent attitudes and behavior, known as pendidikan karakter anti kekerasan, can be used as a preventive effort against acts of violence.

Fairness is important, moreover justice cannot be separated from the foundation of our country, Pancasila. More specifically, social justice for all Indonesian people. Every citizen has equal rights and does not receive discriminatory treatment, and receives attention both with regard to personal rights and the fulfillment of their rights. Departing from the meaning of justice, it is possible to find a number of legal foundations that strengthen the position of justice for access to education. That is why, every citizen is should fully protected by very strong national and international laws to have equal access to quality education, and is entitled to the fulfillment of the same rights from quality education services as well

Caring and never giving up, Teachers as a substitute for the role of parents in schools need to have awareness, understanding, concern, and commitment to guide students to become pious human being. This concern can be shown by how teachers plan learning well, in this case being able to design learning according to the right curriculum. The learning strategy used should be adapted to the characteristics of the students, so that the needs and learning objectives

can be achieved. With the value of caring and unyielding attitude, teachers can have a positive influence in learning.

Teacher as motivator and facilitator, the success of a teacher in educating his students is determined if the teacher has realized the concept of Ki Hajar Dewantara. Ki Hajar Dewantara's educational concept, namely, *ing ngarso sung tulodo* (in front can set an example), *ing madya mangun karso* (in the middle can give motivation), and *tut wuri handayani* (in the back can supervise). In the learning process, motivation is one of the most important dynamic aspects. It often happens that students who lack achievement are not due to their lack of ability, but because there is no motivation to learn. Teacher also should have capability to become a facilitator.

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

By using documentary analysis, there were educational value found in movie *Freedom Writers*. The educational value contains in this movie are: Firmness, anti-racism and violation, fairness, careness, never giving up, teacher as motivator and facilitator, honesty, creativity dan freedom in expressing opinion. Conclusion, By using documentary analysis, there were educational value found in movie *Freedom Writers*. The educational value contains in this movie are: Firmness, anti-racism and violation, fairness, careness, never giving up, teacher as motivator and facilitator, honesty, creativity dan freedom in expressing opinion. Based on the results of the study and the conclusions described above, teacher can use the *Freedom Writers* film as a media for Introduction in teaching. The *Freedom Writers* movie was chosen because it has educational value that can increase student competence and can deliver material more effectively because it is an audio-visual media that makes students more enthusiastic in the learning process.

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