

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes about basic consideration, research questions, objective of the research, scope of research and also significances of research as the parts of this chapter.

Basic consideration

American people believe to be successful person you have to bring out your mind into positive thinking. Positive thinking bringing someone or people goes to be better. On the other hand, if want to be good person, you have to know yourself first. The reason why we have to know ourselves? It because the key of your life based on your personality. Every human has different personality, whether they are good or bad. Good personality shows that a person is good because she/he has good behavior whereas bad personality shows that a person has bad behavior. However they are always related each other because they are supporting the roles in their life. American people have many progress, dreams to be good people in the future, and one of the evidence that given by American people in American Movie. Movie is one of literature where, in movie they are talking about the story and the role in the story. In story, there are two characters who always play as main role than other characters. They are called protagonist and antagonist. Protagonist is the main character in a work of literature or movie (Notari : 2012). A protagonist is the central character or leading figure in story, it is sometimes called a "hero" by the audience or readers because it supports the good moral in story. Many supporting characters around him or her, and protagonist generally experiences some sort of change or transformation in his or her character throughout the story (p. 11). He or she is not character that show up once or twice and then it will disappear, but he or she is always be shown in the story because protagonist character is very important to support the story.

Event in the story brings the changes in the protagonist's experiences, to be better or worse. Protagonist character always has a problem or conflict in the story, and it caused by an antagonist. While the story is running protagonist works to solve problem, and the antagonist works against protagonist who tries to find the solution.

Therefore, the antagonist is the opposing force in a story. The antagonist character could be enemy of protagonist, and it plays as an important role to create the conflict to develop the story. Protagonist in the story tries to encounter the solution of the conflict while antagonist plays to strive against it. The character sometimes gets some significant to change the story. The protagonist character can be changed to be antagonist character in the last of story or vice versa. It is sometimes happen, but not all of movies did it. However, conflict between protagonist and antagonist make their characters grow, and without antagonist stories would definitely uninteresting.

The antagonist is the person who make conflict against the protagonist, or main character while the antagonist is not necessarily. Notari (2012) stated the character is typically describe in a negative way. Many forms of entertainment are utilizing the rivalry between a protagonist and antagonist including movies and literature (p. 11). The character is always showed the opposite of other character, and also explained the other ways who not same with protagonist.

Young people needs to take action in order to reach goals and they also need to learn from their experiences by reflecting on the outcomes of their action. In this research also analyze the American young people as object of the research. When describes about American people, comes to mind that All of American people which lives unfold and the ability of the individual, no matter where he or she comes from, to exert considerable control and freedom over how that process occurs.

Nevertheless, on this movie shows the relationship between characterization and pursuing dreams. First, characterization is how the author tells the personality of character on this movie for example the Antagonist and Protagonist. Second, pursuing dreams is how the person or the character on this movie get something that they wanted. On the other hand, the protagonist and antagonist have similar goals to pursue their dreams.

“16 Wishes” movie tells about the young girls namely Abby Jensen and Crista Cook where both of them wanted to pursue their dreams (Aryrinie: 2013). On the other hand, the researcher choose Abby and Crista to be observed because they are the main characters on this movie. Second, it is about how they pursue dreams eventhough they have similar goals, but their unique ways that make researcher is interesting to observe them.

Based on the movie above and after doing briefly analysis through watching the movie repeatedly. It is more interesting to analyze the character’s acts (protagonist and antagonist characters) in pursuing their dreams. In this movie, both of them have different way to pursue dreams. One of them did wrong action eventhough she is protagonist character on this movie. On the other hand, one of them did good way to pursue dreams. she is hard worker, and she has big desire to get something that she wanted. As following expression of the antagonist and protagonist characters shows two data about their acts.

Abby (as protagonist character) : ...when i’m 16 i’ll have the cutest clothes in the school. (suddenly the magic is work)

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Based on the expression of Abby, it can be deduced that she is different with her character in the movie, and it is because she does wrong acts to pursue dreams. It means that she does not working hard to get her dreams but it using a magic.

Crista (as antagonist character) : ...put these up everywhere, and give it to other people. Meet me at the voting table, after first period.

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Based on the expression of Crista, it can be deduced that she did good action. Eventhough she shows the ambition, but she works hard to reach her dreams, and also shows good behavior. One of American principles is “Hard Work”. This expression shows Crista is working hard to pursue her dreams. Eventhough she getting help from others, but she shows in good way to pursue her dreams. American people is not only defined the American dreams, but also how it related to their own personal finance, advancing in their career, and also enjoying a happiness with their belief. American people believes there is no impossible in the world, if they are working hard to achieve something. In fact, they are doordie to get something. This is one of their belief in American dreams.

Problem statement

This research question is how are character’s acts to pursue their dreams as reflected in *16 wishes* movie by using American dreams theory.

Objective of Research

This research aim to describe on character’s acts to pursue their dreams as reflected in *16 wishes* movie by using American dreams theory.

Scope and limitation

The research analyzes the characters in “16 Wishes” movie. There are some characters on the movie, but this research focuses only on two characters and they are Abby Jensen and Crista Cook. Both are protagonist character and antagonist character on the

movie. Both of them are main character on this movie. The characters are analyzed their acts in pursuing dreams, and it deeply focuses based on American dreams theory.

Significance of study

In this case, this research provides two contributions as theorist and practice functions.

1. Theoretically, the end result of this research will be helpful and offering to literature, it concerning how to analyze character using american study. movie as a media in analyzing character give positive impact to learn about literary. It means that, movie is the way to appeal students' impression and interest in learning literary. It will be able to aid students and to understand about American study approach concerning the American dreams. Moreover, it will help students to know the relationship between American dreams and literature. As well as, the study contributes knowledge to those who intend to conduct research with similar topic. This research hopefully can give contribution to University student especially to learn about American dreams. It also can be a guidance for students to know about what is the American dream, and how to pursue their dreams. Furthermore, in literature there are many topics are discussed, especially about the moral that can be learned through the movie. One of the function of literature is to educate that can guide us to behave in a good maner and control from bad behavior.
2. Practically, for movie lovers, it will help them are deeply understanding the meaning of movie that shown by characters in this case the actresses and the actors. In real life, this research will provides facts about successful person, particularly to pursue dreams as reflected on their characters, if we understand well about that issue it will help us to build people to be a success people. It because, this research will be elaborated characters of human based on American study especially American dreams.