

### **Abstract**

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This study aims to investigate the personality traits and the factors/fundamental principles of personality traits of Prof. Morrie in *Tuesdays with Morrie* novel. In conducting the research, this study used qualitative method which concern in phenomenology research. Moreover, in analyzing the personality traits, this study employed Cattell's theory (1940) and used Arlow's theory (1995) in categorizing the fundamental principles of personality of Prof. Morrie. Supported by structural approach, this study found the personality traits of Prof. Morrie was dominated by Agreeableness (good nature), where the sociable, cooperative and gentle traits as the minor traits. Regarding the factors/fundamental principles of personality traits, Prof. Morrie's personalities were dominantly influenced by Determinism principles (his experience), while another personalities were influenced by Topography (consciousness) and Dynamic viewpoint (childhood events) principles.

***Keywords: Personality traits, the fundamental principles of personality, psychoanalytical literature, Tuesdays with Morrie***

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## MOTTO

Don't afraid to be wrong! Sometimes, things will become right  
because of mistakes.

(Agustin Is. Saidi)

**“Sometimes you cannot believe what you see, you have to believe  
what you feel, and if you are ever going to have other people trust  
you, you must feel that you can trust them too—even when you’re in  
the dark, even when you’re falling”**

**(Prof. Morrie Schwartz)**

# Dedication

For their pride and happiness

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## Preface



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