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TITLE : THE ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN CHARACTER AS THE PROGERIA SYNDROM SUFFERER AND ITS EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THE FILM ENTITLED THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON BY F.SCOOT FITZGERALD

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ABSTRACT

This research tries to analyze *“ The Curious Case of Benjamin Butto*n “ movie. The aims of this study are to analyze the characteristics of Benjamin Button as the the progeria syndrom sufferer in the film. This study is to find out some educational values seen in the film.This study applied a descriptive qualitative method. First, the researcher watching the film “ *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button”*. Second the researcher tried to identify the main character and educational values than third selected the data and nondata. Last is quoting, the researcher quoted some sentences, utterances, and dialogues of the film as the main quotations of the study. The result of this study shows that Benjamin as the main character who has sufferer progeria syndrom have some characteristic. Benjamin’s characteristics seen in this film are unyielding boy,friendly boy,care man,hard worker,trust man, honesty man,kind person,attetion man,faithful man,responsible man, merciful father, high spirit man. Finally, an educational values seen in this film like discipline, motivation,getting knowledge,courage and friendship.

Key words : analysis, main character ,progeria syndrom sufferer, educational value, film, *the curious case of Benjamin Button*

INTRODUCTION

Considering the fact that not all people like to read books, newspapers, or novels to learn English, there is another way to learn the language. In this era of sophisticated technology, we can use electronic facilities such as: computer, internet, radio, or television to support our learning the language. We cannot deny the fact that most people are more interested in watching film or television than reading a book. It is probably because understanding film is easier and practical rather than read a book.

In this study, the researcher focuses attention on one kind of entertainment that is film, which its script can be seen as a literary work. It expresses and communicates thought, feeling, and attitude toward life Film is one of the most important means of entertainment and education.

Watching film is mostly everyone’s favourite. It is always fun to watch films in foreign language especially film entitled *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.* The film is about a man who has suffered the progeria syndrom. Progeria syndrom is Hutchinson Gilford Progeria Syndrome (HGPS) is an extremely rare genetic disorder that causes accelerated aging. It was first described by Doctor Jonathan Hutchinson in 1886, and further studied by Doctor Hastings Gilford in 1904. The researcher chooses *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*  film by F. Scott Fitzgerald based on the following reason.First, this movie is not only interesting, but also inspiring. Second, it is a fact that not many people like to read literary or a book. Students learning English as a foreign language do not often spend their time to read and learn literary or books. They prefer watching television or movies. That is why, the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, was chosen with the hope that by reading this final project, the readers will get some pleasures.Third, this film is very interesting and contains educational values that can be implemented in our life and social life, related to the live spirit coping illness, accepted a fate from God, have endless love to fellow human being.

The objectives of the thesis are to get a clear description of the characteristics of Brad Pitt as Benjamin Button, the main character of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and to find out some educational values from the film  *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research object of this study is the main character as the progeria syndrom sufferer and its educational values of the film entitled *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. This film told about a man who has suffered progeria syndrom. The researcher uses this film to be analyzed, because this film is very interesting and contains educational values and positive things that can be used in social and family life. The researcher uses *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* movie as the primary data source of the research.

In this study,the researcher uses document technique to collect the data. The data used in this research is *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* movie. The procedures of collecting data in this study are divided into several steps : A.Watching is the basic step in analysing a film.the researcher watch it as many as necessary to find the main idea, especially the one which is related to this topic. B.Identifying. In this study, identifying means the activity of separating between data and nondata by marking and underlining the suspected data in this film, then numbering them. C.Selecting. It means that only relevant data will be selected to answer the problems. 4.Quoting.The researcher quoted some sentences, utterances, and dialogues of the film as the main quotations of the study.

Data analyzing technique means the process of systematically searching and arranging the interview transcript,field note and other materials accumulate to enable to come up with findings ( Bogdan : 2007: 159). According to Arikunto (2010 :278) there are three steps in data analyzing techniques,they are preparation,tabulation and data application based on the research approach.

In this study the researcher uses the following techniques to analyze the data : After the researcher collecting quotations,the researcher looked for some supporting references. These references were taken from some books dealing with the topic in order to support the theoretical background and to analyze the problems found in the film. Later, the researcher interpreted the identified the main character and educational values. Finally, the researcher presented the analysis in the form of paragraph formulated in a statements discussion. To support the statements, the researcher quoted some selected quotations related to the problem. The last step is drawing conclusions that formulated by researcher from the analysis.

RESEARCH FINDING AND DISSCUSSION

Main character are the characters that take a big part the story.The main character as The Progeria Syndrom sufferer in the film entitled *The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button* is Benjamin Button.

For a man who was born 80 years old, Benjamin seems to be doing pretty well. The narrator tells us right off the bat that he is "by nature obliging" , and we see this in the way Benjamin responds to his father’s absurd demands that he shake a rattle periodically, dye his hair brown, go to Kindergarten, and so forth. In fact, part of the reason we root for Benjamin as a protagonist is that he’s so intent on making others – particularly his father – happy. What makes Benjamin’s case all the more curious is the way people react to his reverse aging. They seem to think it’s his fault, and they insists that he change it, immediately. This is part of the humor of Benjamin Button, but it’s also part of the story’s satire. Everyone resents Benjamin for being different, as though being different is necessarily wrong and necessarily a choice. Here the researcher just analyzes the main character which have characters as follows:

1. Benjamin was a unyielding boy. At Saturday night Benjamin’s mother bring her son to the cruch. She ask for Pasteur’s help in order to he can walking and stand up from his wheel chair. He try to stand up and walking, but fell down. He always try to stand up again.

3. Benjamin was friendly boy. The first time Benjamin meet Daisy, and they become a best friend. They have intimate relationship althougt it’s the first time they meet. Benjamin very capable to associate with other people.

2.Benjamin was a hard worker.Benjamin plays piano and Mrs. Lawson teach him to play piano. She teach how to play piano well and with feeling. In the last he can do better.

3.Benjamin was a trust man, honest man and best friend. When benjamin in war with Japan in the sea and become a sailor with captain Mike and the other friend, his friend name Pleasant Curtis. He trust Benjamin to give Pleasant money to Pleasant’s wife if someday there is something happen with Pleasant. Benjamin be ready to helped his friend and accepted the money. He also kept reliance and after his friend died shot by Japan, he give the money to his friend’s wife.

4.Benjamin was a care son. Benjamin come back to home and visiting his mother ( Queniee) from sailing in the sea.

5.Benjamin was very kind person. When Benjamin have dinner with Mr.Button and Mr.Button said that he was sick and he want to accompanied by Benjamin.Benjamin give expression shmpaty Mr.Button

6.Benjamin was very attention man.Benjamin come to look Mr.Button in Mr.Button’s house and accompanied him to saw sunrise at seashore and said. You can become angry in certain condition, you can curse a fate but finally, you must willing it “*.*

7.Benjamin was a faithful man**.** Benjamin decided to stay in Paris, and said he want to live in Paris and take care of Daisy.

8. Benjamin was responsible man. Benjamin said to Daisy when finaly they have a child. Their have a daughter named Caroline and normal. But Benjamin afraid its not fair for their child.

9. Benjamin was love and merciful father. Benjamin saw his fall asleep daughter at bedroom. He was sell summer house in Ponchartrain lake and sell Button’s Buttons. He also sell my father sail ship, store all of money in his account. So Benjamin’s child and Benjamin’s wife can life happy. He leave them before his daughter can remimber him.

10. Benjamin was attention father. Every years Benjamin always send Birthday cards for his daughter. Caroline’s 2nd,5th and 6th birthday.

11. Benjamin was a merciful father. Until Caroline’s 17th Birthday, Benjamin always send a card,he wrote some words in a card. He said that he can prohibit you to associate with some boy, if I can amuse you while you broken heart and if I become your father.

12. Benjamin was a high spirit man. Although his growing phsycally different from the other, but Benjamin neverless confidence or be surrender. He always have spirit from people around him,and always do the best. Become a good child,worked hard,have a spouse,have a child,become a good father.

Educational value found in this film :

1.Health ( Unusual disease). Benjamin suffered an unusual disease called progeria syndrom. Progeria is a rare, fatal, “premature aging” syndrome. Progeria is a rare genetic disease caused by the defective synthesis of lamin A due to the deletion of the site of action of an enzyme involved in this process. It’s called a syndrome because all the children have very similar symptoms that “go together”. The children have a remarkably similar appearance, even though Progeria affects children of all different ethnic backgrounds**.**

2.Child neglected**.** After Benjamin was born, his father shocked saw his physical appearance. Then he brougth Benjamin and throw away him in a old folks home. Queniee take care of him and become Benjamin’s mother.

CONCLUSSION AND SUGGESTION

The conclusion presents two subjects according to the problems formulated in chapter I. Firstly, it is about the main character as a progeria syndrom sufferer. Secondly, it present the educational values of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* movie. Based on the finding,the researcher finds characteristics Benjamin as a progeria syndrom sufferer are :

1. Unyielding boy
2. Friendly boy
3. Care man
4. Hard worker
5. Trust man
6. Honesty man
7. Kind person
8. Attetion man
9. Faithful man
10. Responsible man
11. Merciful father
12. High spirit man

There are 2 inferences that can be drawn from the movie are helth and child neglected.

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