

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter show the reason why choosing the topic of the study. More detail in this piece, the researcher also show the background of the study, formulation of the problem, purpose of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and definition of key terms.

#### **A. Background of the Study**

In the world, discrimination cannot fully vanished because there will be humans are having deficiency, and each of them are have their own differences, and it can set up majority and minority groups event it's in the community, school, or even in the country itself (Armiwulan, 2015: 491). According to Fulthoni, et al. (2009: 03) Discrimination is the act of distinction. Also Fulthoni, et al. (2009: 03) defined that discrimination is the treatment that is not balance to individual or groups, based on something like race, ethnicity, religion, or affiliation of other social classes. According to the theory above, we can conclude that discrimination is the act of differentiate to someone or group build upon their races, nationalities, religion, and so on, therefore it can make the imbalance situation to the life.

Discrimination start from our prejudice Based on Fulthoni, et al (2009: 05) human is social beings who live by groups, it causes the difference between us and other, we are naturally want to gather with people who have the similarities with us, this is the factor we make prejudice in other. Discrimination is the embodiment of behavior from prejudice or the manifestation of prejudice in the form of real behavior (Dayakisni & Hudaniyah, 2001). Discriminatory acts are usually carried out by those who have very strong attitudes of prejudice due to certain pressures, for example cultural pressures, customs, habits or law

(Supartiningsih, 2007). Doob (in Supartiningsih, 2007) said that he even saw discrimination as behavior aimed at preventing or limiting another group trying to own or obtain resources. It can be done by reducing, annihilating, conquering, or assimilating other groups. This means, the attitude of discrimination is nothing but a complex of thinking. Statement above tells us how prejudice make our mindset to differentiate people or other that have been seen from it difference, in consequence our mindset says “that people is not same with me”. Discrimination has many levels as the following: 1) Verbal Expression, 2) Avoidance, 3) Exclusion, 4) Physical Abuse, and 5) Extermination (Rusnanila, 2019: 12-13).

Discrimination can influence person's psychological condition. According Awan & Sodik, (2018) there are some effects of discrimination to the person's mental health as the following: 1) Depression and Stress, 2) Impaired physical health, 3) Decline in psychological well-being, 4) Difficulty to adjusting self to the social environment. Each person entitled to get their free as mentioned at *Constitution of Republic Indonesia year 1945 chapter 281 paragraphs 2* it says Indonesian Country was gave guarantee protection to be free from the discrimination's treatment (Armiwulan 2015: 493). However, practically discrimination not only appeared at the conflict but it can be form of rules. (Armiwulan, 2015: 493). Example office employees cannot be promoted because they have a certain religion. Based on this statement we can know that discrimination treatment can be found in all places not except in an entertainment media such movie.

Movie is one of the literary works. According to Yulfani and Rohmah (2021: 01) there are three main generic kinds of literary works namely poetry/poem, prose, and drama/movie. Movie has a message in it. Based on Halim & Syamsudin (2020: 58) movie is famous messages through media, the messages are conveyed by the author and it can be easy for understood because it transferred through scenes and dialogues which are the people can seeing and hearing directly. There is one aspect that can

make the film's elements interesting to discuss, which includes: theme, plot, character, characterizations, setting, and point of view, also moral values which we can call as intrinsic elements. Moral values is one of the intrinsic elements that can build literary works. Moral values contain messages in the form of advice. Based on (Bertens, 2002) moral values are related to a person's behavior as a human being. Therefore, moral values include understanding the commendable and despicable of human actions and behavior depend on the rules that apply in a society. In this study, the researcher analyze the moral values in form of discrimination.

In the educational world, movie study is the popular topic to be studied. Movie study is an academic discipline that deals with various theoretical, historical, and critical approaches to cinema as an art form and a medium (Gibson et. al, 2000: 01-08). Simanjuntak et, al (2021: 02) says that film could display various things that can allow violent scenes to occur. Basically, violence can be divided into two types, namely physical violence and psychological (psychic) violence. Still at Simanjuntak et, at. (2021: 02) physical violence means injuring the human body, and fatalities can lead to murder. Meanwhile, psychological violence is aimed at reducing the mental or brain abilities of the interlocutor. Rivers (2003) argues that not all audiences were able to understand well the message content conveyed by the film. Scenes in a film that require more analysis, such as scenes of violence, for example, can be analyzed using content or content analysis. By analyzing content, a person becomes able to analyze and describe communication and its forms systematically, objectively and quantitatively, so that the messages in the film can be displayed (Simanjuntak et, al., 2021: 01). According to Kriyantoro, (2010) someone can then better evaluate and describe trends or meanings in films with content analysis.

Among many movies, “Aquaman” movie is one of example of attractive movie. “Aquaman” is a 2018 American superhero film based on the DC Comics character "Aquaman" and distributed by Warner Bros

Pictures. The film is directed by James Wan, with a screenplay by David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick and Will Beall, and is based on a story by Geoff Johns, Wan and Beall. The movie tells us about the queen of Atlantic nation who has a child with surface man. This child named Arthur. In his life he gets the invective treatment that is discrimination by some people because he was born in the surface and not be recognized as an Atlantean. The whole story of “Aquaman” movie is interesting and can be witnessed by various ages.

“Aquaman” movie is used for analysis. The researcher focused on discrimination treatment, the reason, and the implication of Arthur’s psychological condition as the object of the study. “Aquaman” movie contains some discrimination treatment that can make a good encouragement in life. This movie can inspire people that discrimination is wrong and it tells us to be a respectable person. It is supposed that this research can give and share new knowledge to the readers about discrimination on this movie.

The reason of the researcher is interested in analysis the discrimination treatment on the movie is because it can be easier for us to know the points of discrimination, especially social values that have a big contribution towards the human life and have a guide for us to have a better view on how to live in social life. The researcher chose the movie "Aquaman" as the subject of this research because this movie has many advantages that cover people's lives. One of them is that this movie has several of moral values and social values that can be applied in the real life.

To completing this research, there are many previous researches that have a similar topic about discrimination on the movie. First previous study is Rusnanila, Noviyana (2019) with the title is *Racial Discrimination as Seen in the Help Film by Tate Taylor*. Second, Madula, James et al. (2017) entitled *Rebellion Againts Racism and Discrimination in ihe Movies Rise of The Planet of The Apes and Dawn of The Planet of*

*The Apes*. Third, Ramadhan, (2020) entitled *Diskriminasi dalam Film Series The Good Doctor*. The last is Perdana, et al. (2009) entitled *Diskriminasi dan Rasialisme dalam Film "Australia" (Studi Analisis Semiotik Film Australia)*. After reviewing those previous studies above, the researcher just found the form of discrimination. The researcher study "Aquaman" movie based on discrimination in it. The researcher found the form of discrimination, the reason, and also the effect of Arthur's psychological condition.

Based on interpretation introduced above, the researcher is concerned to conducting a research entitles "DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCED BY ARTHUR AS THE MAIN CHARACTER AT "AQUAMAN" MOVIE"

## **B. Statement of Research Problem**

The researcher has to find the problems of the study so that the researcher can focus on problem points in questions. The research questions are:

1. What is form of discrimination by Arthur in AQUAMAN movie?
2. What is the reason being discriminated by other character to Arthur?
3. What is the implication of discrimination to Arthur's psychological condition?

## **C. Objective of the Research**

This research is indicated to know the form of discrimination experienced by Arthur as main character at AQUAMAN movie, the reason Arthur being discriminated by other character and also the implications of the discrimination in Arthur's psychological condition.

#### **D. Significance of the Study**

The researcher expects that the result of this study contributes both theoretically and practically to English Education.

##### **1. Theoretical Significance**

This research is expected to provide further information to the readers about the technique to analyze literary work in the area of discrimination.

##### **2. Practical Significance**

###### **a. For readers**

The result finding of this research is also hoped to be beneficial for the reader particularly the educator or learner to use the concept of discrimination to the understanding of the form of discrimination in the education or social environments.

###### **b. For the next researcher**

Hopefully, this research can be the reference of the research which has the similar topic

#### **E. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

This research takes about the term of discrimination in the “Aquaman” movie. To make more specific discussion, the writer wants to limit the problem to the discrimination experienced of the Arthur as the main character in the film "Aquaman". The limitations of this study maybe far from the word 'perfect'. There are many mistakes that the researcher's made, maybe the reader can give suggestions for the researcher. The research here has many errors because it just only depends on the ability and knowledge of the researcher himself.

## **F. Definition of Key Terms**

To make easily understanding by the readers, the researcher provides an explanation and definition of the key terms, they are:

### **1. Movie**

Movie or film is moving images that have a storyline. Movie is audio-visual communication media that aims to give a certain message to the audiences (Asri 2020: 74).

### **2. Intrinsic Elements**

The intrinsic element is one of the elements that build literary works. Pradopo (2003: 4) states that intrinsic elements of a literary work have concrete characteristics. In literary works (especially movies) intrinsic are in the form of themes, plots, characterizations, setting, point of view, and moral values.

### **3. Discrimination**

Discrimination is an act to differentiate others. According to Fulthoni, et al. (2009: 03) defined that discrimination is the treatment that is not balance to individual or groups, based on something like race, ethnicity, religion, or affiliation of other social classes.

### **4. Aquaman Movie**

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