

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Research

Today, watching movies becomes one of the daily activities for some people. People may have different purpose in watching movie, such as for refreshing, adding knowledge, studying foreign language, and understanding foreign culture.

Several literary works have been made in many forms. One of them is a movie. Movie encompasses individual motion pictures, the field of film as an art form, and the motion picture industry. Movie can be categorized as a literary work because movie is result of creativity of a work of art. Movie has a similarity to the drama form, movie and drama have an important part to express feelings and imaginations of someone. Movie also has the basic elements of a literary work, those are plot and character. The movie consists of moving pictures, usually shown in cinema or television and colored with a story. The movie also one form of popular culture product that is produced on a large scale.¹

Movie is a communication media that gives valuable messages to audiences. Movie has a storyline with interesting words that make movie to be very important in human existence. The chosen language that is used in the movie is not simple words but has made a connection with literary language in one storyline. It produces a unique creation and feasible to be consumed by all audience.

¹ Adi, Ida Rochani. 2011. *Fiksi Populer (Teori dan Metode Kajian)*. Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar

Literature is a writing creation that expresses live experience with choosing word and gives dramatic effect in every word. The use of language is aim to make the literary work can be accepted by all audiences.

Literature is a media to deliver creative ideas. In movie as a literature creation has interesting media to communicate with audiences and they can catch the message of the movie. Besides, Movie has one message that delivered, and audience must find it. It can be said that movie gives message to audience to get ideas of moviemaker.

There are some genres of literary work, one of them is nonfiction literary work. It is based on true and real situation. It involves real facts, characters, and places. It means to inform the true story as well as to entertain the audiences. Biographical movie is one of it where the real events described thus the audiences can learn about the social life and facts that the movie delivers. A biographical film, or biopic, is a film that dramatizes the life of a non-fictional or historically-based person or people. Such films show the life of a historical person and the central character's real name is used. They differ from films "based on a true story" or "historical drama films" in that they attempt to comprehensively tell a single person's life story or at least the most historically important years of their lives.

In biographical movie commonly tells about the story of one character that shows the characteristics of the main character and also the real character of the main character that makes the audiences know who he or she is based on the story. One of the biographical movie is *The Imitation Game*.

The Imitation Game is a nonfiction film directed by Morten Tyldum and the script is written by Graham Moore on 2015. It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as real-life British cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the main character who has a unique characteristics and has a great intellectual that can decrypt the Enigma machine².

Based on Graham Moore, *The Imitation Games* was nominated for 8 Academy Awards, 9 BAFTAs³, 5 Golden Globes⁴, 3 SAG Awards⁵, and it won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival. Graham's screenplay won the Academy Award, the Writer's Guild of America Award for Best Adapted Screenplay, and the PEN⁶ Center USA Literary Award for Best Screenplay in 2015.

Since there are so many achievements from *The Imitation Game* movie. The writer assumes that, the story must be an interesting story to be discussed. *The Imitation Game* is a biographical nonfiction movie which tells about history of a big person, a story about a war hero, a man who service the British nation during World War II. It offers rich information such as the society on the past, particularly social situation and the complexity of World War II. The movie begin in the year 1951, when police officer come to Alan Turing house to interrogate Alan after he get robbed in his home, and Alan shows his intelligent in making a rule if the police wants to interrogate him. Then, the story jump to the past when the time was set in 1927, the young Turing was unhappy and bullied at boarding school because he is different than the other children. But only one boy that can accept Alan Turing and

² Enigma is a coding machine that is used to encrypt and decrypt secret messages.

³ The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) is an independent charity that supports, develops and promotes the art forms of the moving image. www.bafta.org/about

⁴ The Golden Globe award is an award for US films and television programs.

⁵ Screen Actors Guild Awards are accolades given by the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists

⁶ PEN International is a worldwide association of writers.

always help him when Alan get bullied, and Alan develops a friendship with his the only friend namely Christopher Morcom, who sparks his interest in cryptography⁷. When Britain declares war on Germany in 1939, Turing travels to Bletchley Park, where under the direction of Commander Alastair Denniston, he joins the cryptography team. The team are trying to decrypt the Enigma machine⁸, which the Nazis use to send coded messages. Turing is difficult to work together and he works alone to design a machine to decipher Enigma. Turing's machine⁹, which he names Christopher, is constructed but cannot determine the Enigma settings before the Germans reset the Enigma encryption each day. Turing has an epiphany¹⁰, realising he can program the machine to decode words he already knows exist in certain messages. After he recalibrates the machine, it quickly decodes a message and the cryptographers celebrate; however, Turing realises they cannot act on every decoded message or the Germans will realise Enigma has been broken.

The main character Alan Turing is a great intellectual person that can shorten the World War II with his intellectual that can decrypt the Enigma code which is Nazi's used to send a hidden message by the machine that he build, he is a struggle person that never gives up to get something that he wanted to. According to this movie, the life of Alan Turing was not easy, his character structured from child, when he was in a boarding school, he get bullied in boarding school, he face many obstacles in his job to decrypt Enigma machine, that makes his character is much better.

⁷ Cryptography is a method of storing and transmitting data in a particular form so that only those for whom it is intended can read and process it. <https://searchsoftwarequality.techtarget.com>

⁸ The Enigma machine is a piece of spook hardware invented by a German and used by Britain's codebreakers as a way of deciphering German signals traffic during World War Two. www.bbc.co.uk/history/topics/enigma

⁹ A machine that Alan build which is able to decrypt enigma code.

¹⁰ When we see ourselves as the center of everything. <https://www.linkedin.com>

Related to the analysis of character, we live by surrounding of people that has different character, by studying character, we could understand about the types of character, we could understand about character of someone around us. Therefore, the writer interested in analyzing the character and characteristics of Alan Turing.

1.2. Research Question

Based on the background of the study, the writer formulated the research question:
How is Alan Turing characterized in *The Imitation Game* movie?

1.3. Research Objective

Based on the statement of problem that has been formulated, the aim of this research is to know the characters of Alan Turing based on personality traits theory in the movie.

1.4. Uses of the Study

1.4.1. Theoretical Use

Theoretically, the study is expected to be able to add the scientific treasures, especially in the field of literature studies in analyzing character in order to make varieties. And the writer hopes this paper can be benefit for the readers.

1.4.2. Practical Use

The researcher hopes this analysis will enrich the reader's knowledge. Generally, related to literary work. Therefore, the research can assist advantageously for next researcher who would like to conduct the research with similar case as additional reference in literature studies.

1.5. Scope of the Study

The scope of the study is focus on the intrinsic analysis through analysis character of Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game* movie viewed from personality traits theory by Costa and McCrae.