

ABSTRACT

Polynesian Myth as Described in Disney's Animation Movie *Moana*

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In this thesis, the researcher discusses about the Polynesian Myth as described in Disney's animation movie *Moana*. The purpose of this research is to reveal the Polynesian Myth as described in Disney's animation movie *Moana* which are described through some characters in Disney's animation movie *Moana* 2016.

In answering the formulated problem, the researcher uses a theory and an approach provided in literature review. In this research, the researcher implements Polynesian Myth, general characteristics of the Polynesian myth creation stories, and characteristics of the Polynesian Gods and Goddesses as the theories. Next, the researcher uses Mythological approach to reveal the Polynesian myth as described in Disney's animation movie *Moana*. Besides, this research applies descriptive qualitative method to describe the formulated problem clearly.

As the result of the research, Polynesian Myth in Disney's Animation Movie *Moana* (2016) which are described through some characters of the movie. The first is *Maui's* Myth described through *Maui* character. The second is *Namakaokahai's* Myth described through *Moana* and *theOcean* character. The third is *Pele's* Myth described through *Te Ka* and *Te Fiti* character. And the last is *Kakamora's* Myth described through *Kakamora* character. the depiction of those characters are different from the origin of Polynesian myth, because the director has their own reasons to make the movie more interesting to be watched such as target audiences and market demand.

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