

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement no pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit'. (Keller in Panashar, 2008). Helen Keller's words reflect the popular upbeat concept of the word which has been gaining ground since the 1960s as an increasing body of research has demonstrated a consistent tendency of healthy successful people to think in generally positive ways. (Panashar, 2008).

According of (Seligman, 1992:15), Optimism is changing the destructive things you say to your self when you experience the setbacks that life deals us is the central skill of optimism. The optimism characteristic is that they tend to believe bad events will last a long time, will undermine everything they do, and are their own fault: circumstances, bad luck, or other people brought it about. Such people are unfazed by defeat. Confronted by a bad situation, they perceive it as a challenge and try harder. (Seligman, 1992:4).

So, the writer concludes definition optimism is the propensity to look at the bright side of any situation and expect the best possible outcome from any series of events. People who feel optimism live their lives expecting positive outcomes and events. Optimism is powerfully motivational; optimism is one of

the cornerstones of success. The power of Optimist shows in Larry crowne movie 2011 directed by Tom Hank.

Larry Crowne movie was released on July 1, 2011 in the United States and Canada. This movie is romantic comedy starring Tom Hanks and Julia Robert and also this film directed by Tom Hanks. The directed by Tom hank and Nia Valdanos. Positioned perfectly for a July 4th weekend release, the film, which sees Hanks performing multiple duties of director, co-writer, co-producer and star, should be a winner at the box office. The movie received generally negative reviews. It reported the overall consensus, "Despite the relaxed, easy chemistry of stars Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts, *Larry Crowne* is surprisingly bland and conventional." Roger Ebert gave the film two stars out of four, stating that the film has "a good premise and a colorful supporting cast, but what it doesn't have is a reason for existing". At Metacritic, which assigns a weighted average score out of 100 to reviews from mainstream critics, the film received an average score of 41 based on 41 reviews. It was released on DVD November 15, 2011.

Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks), a middle-aged Navy veteran is fired from his job at a big-box store, despite his seniority and satisfactory work, because the company has decided that his lack of a college education impedes any chance of advancement. Larry, who is divorced and lives alone, cannot find a job and he almost loses his house. Larry's neighbor, Lamar (Cedric the Entertainer), advises him to enroll in the local community college and get an education in order to get better opportunities in the future.

At the first day of school, Larry meets Talia (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), a free-optimism who also drives a scooter. They form a friendship right away. Mercedes Tainot (Julia Roberts) pulls up to the parking lot, and appears reluctant to be at the college. She walks into the Speech class that she teaches and notices only nine students in attendance. Mercedes makes an announcement that since the state requires at least ten students to be registered for a single class, that the class is cancelled, much to her delight. Suddenly, Larry appears and wonders if he is not too late for class. With Larry now being the tenth student registered in class, Mercedes reluctantly begins teaching class.

Larry and Talia share the same Economics class, taught by Dr. Ed Matsutani (George Takei), who mixes sarcasm with seriousness in his teachings. One night, after a date night with Dean goes horribly wrong, a drunken Mercedes demands to be let out of the car. Larry and gang notice Mercedes waiting alone at a bus stop, and Talia encourages Larry to give her a ride home. Finals now come, and right before the Speech final, Larry and Mercedes meet outside class, with her telling Larry that she scheduled him last with his "geography" speech. After everyone has finished their speech before him, Larry stands up in class and talks about his travels around the world while in the Navy, and makes references to the other students' speeches, which all appear to be inspired by his. Larry then looks at Mercedes as he mentions that he could never have told about his life with great passion and enthusiasm if he had not taken her Speech class. Larry is given a big round of applause by his classmates, as well as Mercedes, who is happier in her life without Dean and

has developed a passion for teaching again. He appears to pay strict attention to Larry and confiscates Larry's cell phone due to his texting habits with Talia. Until the end that is Mercedes walks to her office and sees a note from Larry on the door, which is an invitation to have her over for a French toast dinner, with the address to his new apartment. She drives over to his apartment and he greets her, they kiss and both enter the apartment, closing the door behind them.

According to Wikipedia, Thomas Jeffrey or Tom Hanks (born July 9, 1956) is an American actor, producer, writer, and director in Canada. Hanks moved to New York City in 1979, where he made his film debut and got all of that he want, that is 50 nominate award, 30 movies one of the movie is *Larry Crowne*, as a 5 director's movie and 7 reality show. Hanks were married to American actress Samantha Lewes (née Susan Jane Dillingham) from 1978 to 1987. The couple had two children, son Colin Hanks (also an actor) and daughter Elizabeth Hank.

In 1988, Hanks married actress Rita Wilson. The two first met on the set of Hank's television show *Bosom Buddies* but later developed a romantic interest while working on the film *Volunteers*. They have two sons: Chester, or "Chet" (who has a small part as a student in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* and released a rap single in 2011), and Truman.

Larry Crowne movie by Tom Hank's is comedian movie; used feeling to watch this movie, four reasons to analyze this movie. First reason is the movies have personal characteristics of each actor, from Larry, Tainot, and the

woman that have the scooter. Larry Crowne have optimism, Tainot have a cool characteristic and then Talia always happy and helps Larry.

The second reason is the movie story about the relationship, friendship, broken home, the power of optimism and motivation and togetherness. The third is the movie have big changed, from down to up with the optimism of Larry Crowne, and from cool to enjoying people, and from stupid to the diligent people.

The third reason is the writer will be a teacher and this literary work is one of requirement to makes literary study. The last is to facilitated theoretical literary work in the research of literature in the English Department, so the writer may be able to add their own research paper more useful.

The writer analyze the Movie used Individual Psychological analysis moved away from its philosophical roots, psychologists began to employ more and more scientific methods to study human behavior. Contemporary researchers employ a variety of scientific techniques including experiments. Larry Crowne has many characters that interest to analyze used psychological approach, there are many characters that can find used this method. Based on the background above, the writer proposes to conduct a research entitled **OPTIMISM OF LARRY CROWNE REFLECTED IN TOM HANK'S *LARRY CROWNE* MOVIE (2011): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

B. Previous Studies

After the writer has looked for several literature reviews in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and in University in Central Java at least, she has not found the research about *Larry Crowne* movie done by the other researcher. So that the writer cannot compare this research with other research because this is the first study of *Larry Crowne* movie. The writer uses Individual Psychological approach to analyze the data and using of *Larry Crowne* movie as an object. The writer analyzes “Optimism of Larry Crowne reflected in Tom Hank’s *Larry Crowne* Movie (2011): An Individual Psychological Approach.

C. . Problem Statement

Problem statement of the study is as follows:

“How is Optimism of Larry Crowne Reflected in Tom Hank’s *Larry Crowne* Movie (2011) used individual psychological approach?”

D. Objective of the Study

Based on problem statement above the objective of the study are as follows:

1. To analyze Optimism of Larry Crowne in Tom Hank’s *Larry Crowne* Movie (2011) based on its structural element.

2. To analyze Optimism of Larry Crowne in Tom Hank's *Larry Crowne* Movie (2011) based on Individual Psychological Approach.

E. Benefit of the Study

The benefit expected from this study is as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is projected to give movie contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, particular in the literary studies.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the writer and other student at UMS or other universities interested in literary studies.

F. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the researcher applies qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using Individual Psychological Approach. The steps to conduct the research are as the following: 1). Determining the type of the study, 2). Determining the object of the study, 3). Determining data and data sources, 4). Determining technique of

data collection, and finally 5). Determining technique of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *Larry Crowne* by Tom Hank and was first premiered in 2011 by Universal picture studios.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

There are two types of data, namely primary and secondary data, as follows:

a. Primary data

The primary data source is the movie of *Larry Crowne* produced by Universal picture studios.

b. Secondary data

The secondary data sources are books, manuscript movie, image and other material related to the study.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

- a. Watching the movie repeatedly.
- b. Taking notes of important parts both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several groups based on its theoretical category.

- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis.
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical suggestion

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In analyzing data, the writer applies descriptive approach. The steps taken by the writer in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the movie. The second step is analyzing the data based on psychological approach. Focus will be paid on the meaning of Optimism.

G. Research Paper Organization

The research paper is divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 contains introduction that consists of background of the study, previous study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, research method, technique of collecting data, technique of analyzing data, and research paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory that deals with preface, notion of the issue, aspect or characteristic, theory of issue, structural element of the movie. Chapter III is present the structural element of the movie. Chapter IV presents the Individual Psychological Analysis, which consists Inferiority feeling and compensation, Fictional finalism,

Striving for superiority, Social interest, Style of life, and Creative Self.

Chapter V presents Conclusion and Suggestion.