

## **CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION**

### **1.0. Introduction**

In this chapter the writer elaborates about the background of the study, problem statements, objectives of the study, limitation of the study, and the benefit of the study.

### **1.1. Background of The Study**

The words personality is taken from the Latin word “persona” which means mask that is often worn by stage performers. Mask is used to describe a person's behavior, character, or personality (Guilford, 1975). Besides that, personality is often interpreted as a characteristics that stand out in individuals, such as shy person can be labelled as “shy personality” also the outgoing person can be labelled “outgoing personality” and for those who are fickle or coward are labelled with “no personality”. Kartono and Dali (2006), stated that personality is the characteristic and behavior of people which distinguish them from others; it is an integration of the characteristics from the structures, patterns of behavior, interests, principles, abilities, and the potential of a person; everything about someone as known by others. From those statements by the experts, personality is shown in more than just behavior. It can also be reflected by our thoughts, feelings, nearby relationships and other social interactions.

There is an argument of what shapes the personality of a person. Whether it is from their hereditary or the surrounding environment. The environment is everything that can affects the individuals except their genes. There are many aspects in environment that help to form a personality. These include the place where we live, our experiences in daily life, the people whom we interacted in everyday; such as our family, friends, people in the school, and the surrounding community. Some of these environmental factors call it empirical, which means experience, because with that environment individuals begin to experience and taste the natural surroundings. Humans can not really escape from the influence of the environment, because the environment is always available in the surrounding.

*The Blind Side* is an American semi-biographical sports movie that released in 2009 and also based on a book with the same title *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis that published in 2006. Michael 'Big Mike' Oher is the main character in this movie. Mike is someone who always get unfair treatment from his surrounding, he is an introvert person, awful at expressing his feelings, and he lives just like a blowing wind. But every people is not always full of bitterness, Mike has the blind side that no one knows including his own self, his ability in football sport and the great will to take care of his loved people is hidden for years because he can't develop it while he has to deal with all the problems surrounded in his former environment. The director of the movie is John Lee Hancock, Jr. (born December 15, 1956), an American screenwriter, film director, and producer. Other movies he successfully directed are: *The Rookie* (2002), *The Blind Side* (2009), *Saving Mr. Banks* (2013), *The Founder* (2016), and *The Highwaymen* (2019). Five years after the release, *The Blind Side* (2010) was a success as a box office movie and received an Academy Award for Best Picture nomination.

As the main character in *The Blind Side* movie, Mike has some difficult problems that he has to deal with, bullying, family issue, and his social life. He is a son of a black woman who also has a serious struggle in her life. She has to deal with a divorce from his husband, then he left his family afterwards and then nowhere to be found. Mike's mother is also a drug addict, then it leads her to be a person who is careless and emotional towards his surrounding, includes her son, Mike. Also since they live in countryside where all the black people is united they often got the unfair treatment by local government as when Mike being separated from his mother for being adopted under the government's name because of the bad family circumstances.

Mike unfortunately was being bounced around in and out of foster homes. His surrounding also doesn't supportive enough to Mike because his adopted parents lives in poverty. He got discriminated, underestimation is being his daily life. He has to lower his head wherever he is. But however, Mike has a potential side; a sport, he is good at football and basketball. Someday he enrolled in Wingate

Christian School as a freshman student. The first school year is a worst for Mike, he can't do anything in the class and get mocked just because he has a huge and black appearance.

For short, he meets with a rich, influenced family in the town; Leigh Anne Tuohy is a white people woman. Her kind-hearted causes her whole family member happily agrees to adopt Mike as their new family member. Anne's children even treat Mike very well as their own brother. His life is going smoothly improved, he starts to speak in a happy tone, he gets his private teacher in sake of his academic life, entering the football clubs and surprisingly he gets some offers of scholarship to join a bigger football big club in the town because of his ability.

*The Blind Side* brings so much hype to them who is really into the social issues. This movie proves that not every life is perfect. The struggles within the movie can relate so well into the readers who is in the same condition. The response for this movie can be categorized as high considering that the genre is indeed a biographical sports drama, the rating reaches 6,1 out of 10 based on Rottentomatoes website, proved that this movie got many nominees in award show and even a winner in Oscar for The Best Picture category.

The life change of Mike from nobody to somebody because of different treats from his surrounding indeed is he most visible issue which can be seen in this movie. Even so, the perspective of how the influence of the environment in forming Mike's personality catches researcher's big interest. Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy are the protagonist who brings so much help towards Mike and they can also be considered as the luck angel for him. This spouse provide supportive and very positive environment to help Mike finds out his best version of himself because they are not joking when they took a homeless teenager African-American, Michael "Big Mike" Oher to their home, thus the film is very interesting to be discussed.

Related to this, literary work is merely a reflection towards the issue of the condition of a society. The fact that *The Blind Side* is a semi-biographical movie that happened in real life, it can really reflects the real situation where the story take place, a country side in America, where the black people live under the

poverty and united as a group of people who form a tough environment which can lead them to having a bad treat towards each other because of the pressure they carry, and obviously it is an unhealthy society to live in. However, the director is aware of that case because he is also an American and has successfully dragged the viewers into their emotion. This movie is very related to the main character's developed self which is influenced by his positive environment. From someone who usually lower his head to the one who is really well known. Based on those factors above, the writer is interested to bring it to the research paper to be analyzed further. The writer conducts a research entitled **The Influence of the Environment in Forming Michael Oher's Personality in *The Blind Side* Movie: A Reader Response Theory.**

### **1.2. Problem Statement**

The problem statement of this research are:

1. How is the background of reviewers in *The Blind Side* movie?
2. What is the strategy of readers response that the readers mostly use?
3. Why do the environment can influence the personality of Michael Oher based on reader response in Rottentomatoes?

### **1.3. Objectives of the Study**

To answer the problem statements above, the writer formulates the objective of the study below:

1. To know the background of reviewers in *The Blind Side* movie.
2. To identify the dominant strategy that the readers use to respond to *The Blind Side* movie.
3. To explain that the environment can influences the personality of Michael Oher based on reader response in Rottentomatoes.

### **1.4. Limitation of the Study**

In conducting this study, the researcher needs to give a limitation of the study. The limitation is on the responses of *The Blind Side* movie (2009) which focuses on the Michael Oher's personality that influenced by his environment.

## **1.5. Benefit of the Study**

The importance of this research paper can be beneficial for:

### **1.5.1. Theoretical Benefit**

This research paper is expected to give a contribution to the larger part of knowledge specifically in literary scope to enrich the understanding and knowledge of the writer and students from UMS or even outside the university as a related theory.

### **1.5.2. Practically Benefit**

The researcher hopes that with this paper being written, it will give more information and a better understanding about this movie.

## **1.6. Paper Organization**

This research consists of three chapters. The first chapter is to present the introduction which contains the background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, limitation of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization. Chapter II is literature review consisting underlying theory, previous study, and novelty. Then the chapter III is consisting the type of the study, object of the study, type of data and data source, technique of data collection, technique of the data analysis.