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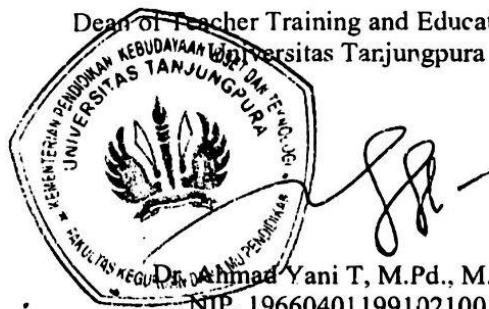
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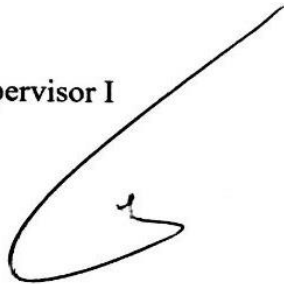
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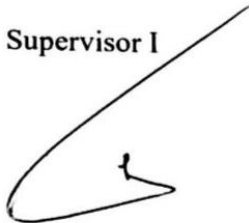
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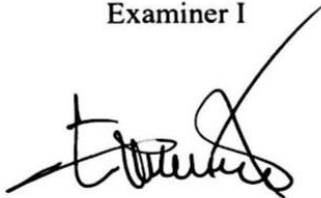
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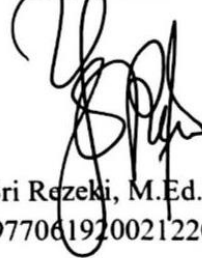
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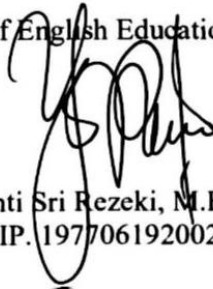
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*This study aims to describe the moral value found in the Forrest Gump Movie and found the most prominent moral values in the Forrest Gump Movie. The subject of this research is the Forrest Gump movie and the moral values are the objects. The findings of this research show that there are six types of moral values found in the Forrest Gump Movie. They are care, fairness, liberty, authority, loyalty, and sanctity. The moral value of care appears 6 times. The moral value of fairness appears 6 times. The moral value of liberty appears once. The moral value of authority appears 3 times. The moral value of loyalty appears 8 times. The moral value of sanctity appears 2 times. The most prominent moral value is loyalty. Forrest Gump is a motivational film that contains moral values related to education, this is evidenced by the many scenes set in schools. All the data were determined by the context of the situation in the movie.*

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## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background**

The movie nowadays has been taking part in different roles. Its function is not only for entertainment but also to become a subject of research. The majority of the movie is based on true events from throughout the world, while the rest is based on books or novels. In general, students watch a movie for entertainment, critiquing, advertising, and education. Some students of FKIP UNTAN had done analyzing some aspects of the movie for their research. As a prospective teacher, the writer intends to research the movie as well.

A movie is the most popular medium for learning. In addition, students often watch movies to find information, learn new things, and discover the values of life. For learning new things, for example, learning the language. In the major the writer is taking currently movie is one of the alternative teaching media in the classroom. Literary lecturers used the movie to increase the interest of students and engage them to speak and have a discussion with each other in class. Besides that, after watching the movie, the lecturer asked the students to review the movie. It increases students' motivation to speak, think critically, and write for the review section. It is one big reason why some researchers analyzed movies in English Education Study Programs.

A movie that contains many moral values are things that students enjoy learning from in life with the hope of making good human beings and following the norms of social life. The fact that moral value is easy to find by

the student from a movie. Besides, the analysis of moral value is needed to know how it is implemented in education. Moral values are very important for human social life, especially for the student. In the education field, moral values are needed for the students to know about some values for socializing with others. By having good morals, students are expected to act properly based on the norms existing around them. Moral values must constantly be tied to the processes for these prospective teachers to educate and be prepared to be excellent educators. A movie is one of the most effective ways to learn more about moral values.

A movie is a work of visual art that is utilized to imitate an audience's experience. The message implied in a movie can take any form depending on the movie's purposes. When watching the movie, the audience seems to be able to penetrate space and time that can tell the life, and can even influence the audience. The writer chose *Forrest Gump* movie as the subject of this research. It is a film based on Winston Groom's novel directed by Robert Zemeckis. *Forrest Gump* is a movie about a man with a lower IQ than most people yet who can achieve all of his goals. It is a movie directed with a backward plot. When students watch this movie, it is a perfect movie to inspire them to pursue their ambitions, regardless of how limited their minds are.

Several previous studies examined the study of moral values in literary works. The first research was conducted by Sutrisno and Situmorang (2021) from the IEC Jakarta Foreign Language College. This study describes the moral principles that are delivered in the "*Kick Boxer*" movie. They found five

types of moral values such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibilities, fairness, caring, and the principles of moral values. The researchers analyzed the behavior, conversation, and interaction of the role players and the transcript of the Kick Boxer movie as the primary data. for the secondary data came from supported data from journals, books, and websites.

The next research was conducted by Alawiyyah and Oktavi (2019) from English Education Department STKIP Bina Mutiara. The research figured out: Intrinsic Elements, Types of Moral Values, Causes of Moral Values, and solutions for moral values. They found 9 kinds of moral values such as honesty, authentic values, self-confidence, moral independence, humility, responsibility, tenacity, reality and crisis, moral belief, and courage.

Another research was conducted by Tan et al. (2019) that analyzed Malaysian moral values textbooks of being a good citizen. They found some values that can shape students to be a good citizen such as responsibility as the most dominant value, followed by respect, help, hard-working, and caring. This research demonstrates how a multi-ethnic nation-state such as Malaysia promotes these moral principles through its educational curriculum to gain political legitimacy and forge national unity. This research used mixed methods to analyze the textbooks.

The three studies above try to analyze the moral values behind the movie, in the first study how to examine behavior, conversations, and interactions in movies. The second study was to find out the elements contained in the movie. Here, my research tries to combine all aspects of the

three studies above and then perfect the third study which is about finding the dominant moral values found in a movie. In this research, the researcher would like to find out the most dominant moral values in a movie and then find out how the moral values in this movie can be applied in the school environment. However, what makes this study different from another study, is that the researcher brought a movie where the main character is someone who is considered stupid because the main character in this movie has a below-average IQ and then learns the good and extraordinary things from this person. Does the person who is belittled in this movie also have a good effect on the audience?

Reflecting on previous research, it can be said that the analysis of moral values from the movie is important. It gives a positive impact on students. By knowing the moral value, the student can implement the moral value in their daily life. The writer will analyze the moral values in the Forrest Gump movie and know how the moral values depicted in the movie are based on qualitative descriptive methods.

## **B. Research Question**

1. What are the moral values found in the Forrest Gump movie?
2. What are the most prominent moral values in the Forrest Gump movie?

## **C. Research Purpose**

Based on the research questions above, the purposes of this research were described below:

1. To find out the moral values in the Forrest Gump movie.

2. To find out the most prominent moral values in the Forrest Gump movie.

#### **D. Research Significance**

The significances of this research are for the teacher and the other researchers as mentioned below.

1. For teachers, the writer hopes that this research can serve as a guide in teaching literary works related to moral values to students and guide students to apply moral lessons in their daily life.
2. For other researchers, the authors hope that other researchers can add to their knowledge and develop innovations in research that are then useful for progress in the field of education.

#### **E. Terminology**

To avoid this misunderstanding among the reader, the writer would like to give some terminologies and information will be explained as follow:

1. Moral values are defined as guidelines that assist a person in deciding between right and wrong. To create honest, credible, and fair judgments and relationships in daily life, moral awareness.
2. A movie is a type of visual communication that uses moving images and sound to tell a story or convey a certain message to others.
3. Forrest Gump is a romantic comedy-drama genre movie. This movie is about the life and journey of a man with below average IQ named, Forrest Gump.