

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

In the introduction contains answer what and why the research were conducted, this chapter presents the research background, research problem, research objective, research limitation, research significances, and definition of the key terms.

#### **A. Research Background**

In the period from about 1760 to sometime between 1820 and 1840, The Industrial Revolution was the transition to new manufacturing processes in Great Britain, continental Europe, and the United States. This transition included going from hand production methods to machines, new chemical manufacturing and iron production processes, the increasing use of steam power and water power, the development of machine tools and the rise of the mechanized factory system. Because of that, more machines were used to take the place of manual labor, resulting in high unemployment rate for people who did not have the right skills and competencies.

With the increasing human population, the fewer job vacancies, to overcome the difficulties of life as a human being there must be efforts to make ends meet. In Indonesia, there are many people who find it difficult to find a job, but with an effort, someone can find success.

Not only in Indonesia, in America or abroad there are also many people who are in distress, as in the movie that already be examined at this time, the main character in The Greatest Showman movie had a hard life since childhood, with his efforts, he can be successful in his circus field. What makes it special so that researcher is interested in researching this movie is this movie based on a true story that can motivate ourselves, the main character is also never give up and tough even though in a less fortunate condition.

Almost every movie is made for entertainment purposes. With the increasing activity and busyness of a person's life, especially among big city residents, the impact is that the stress level is getting higher from day to day, so the need for entertainment is increasing. One of the most popular means of entertainment around the world is movie. By offering a variety of adventures

that can be shared personally with each audience, watching movies can be called the most effective entertainment medium to relieve the fatigue that is felt due to dense and monotonous daily activities.

The Greatest Showman is a movie based on the true story of the history of a person named Phineas Taylor Barnum (P.T Barnum). His death in 1891, the Washington Post described him as the most recognizable American who ever lived. This movie is very motivating for ourselves.

Phineas Taylor Barnum is an American theater performer whose intelligence, shrewdness and Yankee imagination transformed the entertainment business. He was one of the first entrepreneurs to realize the value of publicity inside and outside show business.

Phineas Taylor Barnum can turn previously insulted and marginalized odd people into famous and successful people, Barnum is very smart and unyielding so researcher is interested in analyzing the film "The Greatest Showman". This research aims to analyze "*Barnum's Ways To Solve His Conflicts In The Greatest Showman Movie*".

## **B. Research Problem**

In this research, the researcher want to know more as the research problem stated:

1. What are Barnum's conflicts in *The Greatest Showman* movie?
2. What are Barnum's ways to find out the solution from his conflicts in *The Greatest Showman* movie?

## **C. Research Objective**

This research aims to investigate, there are the objectives of this research:

1. To describe the Barnum's conflicts in *The Greatest Showman* movie.
2. To describe Barnum's ways to find out the solution in *The Greatest Showman* movie.

#### **D. Research Limitation**

This research focuses on 1 character, that is Barnum and focuses on ways to solve his conflicts. There are 5 ways to solve his conflicts, there are avoidance, pacification, competition, compromise and creative integration.

#### **E. Research Significance**

This research is give information about how to solve conflicts in the poor conditions based on The Greatest Showman movie. This movie can encourage individuals and provide a great example for them to be grateful for everything. The researcher expects some of the people can see the great examples, they are:

##### **1. Researcher**

This research can provide a great examples or good motivation for parents, teachers, students or children. The researcher hope that this research is useful for readers and can increase creativity.

##### **2. Reader**

This research provides information about the ways a person survives in poor conditions. It can motivate someone's life and it can be a good example for all of us to be grateful for everything. The readers can imitate Barnum's attitude.

##### **3. Next researcher**

This research can also be a reference for the next researcher. The researcher hopes that after reading this research, in the future next researcher can improve the best and better than previous studies.

#### **F. Definition of Keyterms**

Definition of keyterm is a term that serves as a key, as to the meaning of another word, a sentence, passage, or the like. There were some terms in this research that explained in order to the reader understand:

##### **1. Barnum**

P.T Barnum or Phineas Taylor Barnum is the main character in the "The Greatest Showman" movie. Barnum in The Greatest Showman was played by Hugh Jackman.

## **2. The Greatest Showman**

The Greatest Showman movie is inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is the title of a musical drama movie that premiered in theaters worldwide in 2017. This movie tells the story of the birth of show business and tells the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. The movie is directed by Michael Gracey.

## **3. Conflict**

Conflict means an event where there was a problem that faced by individual or a group of people. This conflict is not only seen in the real world but can also be seen in a literary work. Perrine (1988:42) stated that there are three kinds of conflicts; they are social conflict, physical conflict, and psychological conflict. In this research the term conflict refer to P.T Barnum (the main character).

## **4. Hard Life**

A life that is complex or difficult is described as a hard life. Perhaps the person was born into non-ideal circumstances, had a trying childhood/home life while growing up. In this research, Barnum was experiencing this kind of condition (hard life) since he was a kid.