

ABSTRACT

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This study analyses Richard La Gravenese's *Freedom Writer* movie. This study discusses about the way the character of Erin Gruwell solves her problems in the class. There are two research questions in this study. The first problem is what are the characteristics of Erin Gruwell as a teacher in this movie. The second one is how does Erin Gruwell solve problems occurring in the movie.

The researcher used the psychological approach to analyze the movie. The movie script of *Freedom Writer* and the movie are the main data. The secondary sources are from the theory of character and characterization, motivation, and plot and conflict.

Based on the analysis, the researcher found two findings which can be used to answer the researcher questions. Based on the theory of character, Erin Gruwell character can be classified as a persistent, dedicated, and creative. Moreover, the researcher also found that there are three ways of Erin Gruwell solving problems in the class. The first one knows the physiology needs of the Students, the second one is bridging the gaps with safety needs and the third one is creating love and belonging situation in the class.

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Studi ini menganalisa film karya Richard La Gravenese berjudul *Freedom Writer*. Studi membahas tentang cara Erin Gruwell memecahkan masalahnya di kelas. Ada dua rumusan permasalahan di studi ini. Pertama adalah karakteristik dari Erin Gruwell sebagai seorang guru di film ini. Kedua adalah bagaimana Erin Gruwell memecahkan masalah yang terjadi dalam film.

Peneliti menggunakan pendekatan psikologi untuk menganalisa film ini. Skrip dari film *Freedom Writer* dan film itu sendiri adalah data utama. Data pendukung penelitian berupa teori karakter dan karakterisasi, teori motivasi dan teori plot dan konflik.

Berdasarkan analisa, peneliti menemukan dua penemuan yang dapat digunakan untuk menjawab rumusan masalah. Berdasarkan teori karakter, Erin Gruwell dapat diklasifikasikan sebagai orang yang gigih, berdedikasi and kreatif. Selebihnya, peneliti juga menemukan bahwa ada tiga cara bagaimana Erin Gruwell menangani permasalahan di dalam kelas. Tiga cara dimaksud adalah mengetahui kebutuhan murid, menghilangkan jarak di antara murid dan memberikan suasana cinta dan rasa memiliki di dalam kelas.

Kata kunci: *Freedom Writer, motivation, movie*