

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The first chapter contains the research topic and its significance in this research. This chapter covers the research background, research questions, research purposes, scope and limitations, research significance, and definition of key terms. Each section will be explained below.

1.1 Research Background

The impact of poetry is not only limited to the literary field but can also affect everyday life, including the perspective of life and individual behavior. One of the implementations is using poetry in movies with the theme of character development through their life. The director applies different art techniques in the movie by using poetry to convey the story along with visual elements (Setyowati et al., 2022). As depicted in the movie, poetry serves more than just literary representation. It becomes a medium for personal growth, self discovery, and even rebellion against societal norms.

It is important to realize that the intention and powerful essence of poetry can also have a negative psychological impact on specific individuals. For example, some studies have shown that exposure to gloomy or melancholic poetry can intensify feelings of sadness and depression. According to Park et al. (2022), the intense emotional themes in many poems can increase the sense of emotional distress, potentially triggering harmful effects on the mental health of susceptible readers. Moreover, the research highlights the need for special attention in sorting out the good and unpleasant gained from poetry.

One of the movies related to a poetry theme is “Dead Poets Society” by Peter Weirs in 1989. The movie is set at Welton Academy, an elite school with all-boys students. This movie tells the story of a group of students in a class who are interested in the topic of poetry introduced by their English teacher. According to Netta et al (2022), The introduction approach is based on a persuasive method, making students inspired and motivated by the poetry used in the materials. In the movie, poetry is interpreted by students to explore the meaning of life, express themselves, and find the courage to achieve their dreams.

While many studies have explored the themes and moral values in the movie, little focus has been given to how poetry shapes the beliefs and actions of its students. This study seeks to fill the gap in the scope of research by analyzing the impact of poetry on students in the movie. The researcher referred to research conducted by Adawiyah et al. (2021) that provides an understanding of the use of poetry to state and do something in the dialogue in the movie. In addition, Adawiyah et al. (2021) showed how poetry is an effective communication tool for conveying insightful messages and influencing the social dynamics among the students. Furthermore, this research will provide a more comprehensive analysis of how the students have been affected by poetry in the movie.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the research background described, the research questions are as follows.

1. What are the elements of poetry that cause the impact felt by students?
2. What is the impact of poetry on students' behavior?

1.3 Research Purposes

The purpose of this research is explained as follows.

1. Analyze the impact of poetry on students' behavior in the movie.

1.4 Scope and Limitations

The scope of research will examine the impact of poetry on students from the movie. Besides that, it will analyze the role of poetry in the development of students in the movie, including how poetry affects the characters' attitudes, worldviews, and actions. This research will be limited to analyzing the impact of poetry in the movie.

1.5 Research Significance

The research significance describes the contribution of this research to theoretical use and practical use.

1. Theoretical Use

The researcher hopes that this study can be used to help inform readers about the impact of poetry represented in the "Dead Poets Society" movie.

2. Practical Use

a) For the English department

This research will contribute to a new understanding of the use of poetry in movies and its impact on character development and storyline.

b) For the readers

The result of the analysis will help readers understand how literature can play an important role in shaping people's worldviews and actions by studying how poetry affects the characters and their actions in the movie.

c) For the future researchers

The researcher expects future research to focus on further analyzing one of the characters and the behavior change of a specific character.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

This section explains the definition of key terms used in this research to provide a clear understanding of the essential terms.

1. Poetry

Poetry is a form of artistic expression that uses language intensively to convey deep thoughts and emotions. Widjayanti (2019) states that poetry is a literary text that can be used as a platform to immerse moral values and humanity issues in its content. Therefore, in this research, poetry is also considered a tool that allows readers to feel and understand the poet's point of view deeply and personally.

2. Impact

Impact refers to the process by which individuals experience a deep change in perspective, understanding, and behavior. According to Wang (2021) impact has a significant impact on individual development. From this explanation, it can be concluded that impact is a process that affects how individuals perceive themselves and interact with the world around them.

3. Behavior

Behavior refers to the actions, interactions, and engagement patterns a person reveals during their activities. Attitudes can engage in significant changes due to several causes (Thomas & Kim, 2019).

