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An Analysis On English Teaching Techniques And Educational Values Found In "Freedom Writers" Movie

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Abstract: *This research aims to discover the teaching techniques and educational values in the Freedom Writers movie. The method used in this research is qualitative with a descriptive qualitative design. The data collection technique in this research is watching the movie, classifying and writing the teaching techniques and educational values found, and then coding the data. The data analysis techniques use a procedure by Cresswell. The result of this research shows that there are nine teaching techniques found in the movie: authentic material, transformation drill, task-based instruction, creative adaption, teacher silence, paragraph writing, guided writing, reading aloud, and journal writing. Moreover, nine educational values are found in this movie: honesty, courage, self-discipline, loyalty, respect, self-confidence, love and affection, kindness and friendliness, and justice.*

INTRODUCTION

English has become the language of the world. It has also become the world's most influential language. As the universal language, English has spread throughout many nations, peoples, and cultures, from multinational corporations to elementary school classrooms. Learning English is not as easy as it seems, especially for those learning English as a foreign language, like Indonesian. In Indonesia, students were taught English as a foreign language since kindergarten. However, English is still hard to learn for students in the classroom. For this reason, teachers play an important role in helping students discover learning strategies that will facilitate their understanding of English.

Therefore, one of the most important components of teaching is for teachers to assist students in finding the most effective learning techniques and then to find the best teaching technique that fits their students, for example, learning through games, discussion, or reading aloud. According to (Douglas & Frazier, 2001, p.16) the thesis (Yulianingsih et al., 2021, p.48), "A teaching technique is any one of a wide variety of exercises, activities, or tasks used in the language classroom to realize lesson objectives." Analyzing teaching techniques is crucial to improving our effectiveness as an educator or teacher. It involves reflecting on the teaching methods, identifying their strength and weaknesses, and then making adjustments to enhance student learning. By analyzing teaching techniques regularly, we can ensure that we use the most effective methods to help students learn and grow.

In the educational process, instilling values and character are just as important as knowledge acquisition. According to Bowen (2018, p.53), "Education value is the spirit of education; therefore, wherever they are taught, educational value will manifest itself." Educational value promotes personal growth by allowing students to explore their interests, discover their strengths, and develop their full potential. It also helps to develop a strong moral compass by teaching values such as respect, honesty, and fairness.

It is clear from the discussion above that teaching techniques and moral values play a significant role in education. Teaching techniques and ethical values can be found and learned in many resources, including movies. A movie is an effective mass communication medium that can be used for entertainment, information, and education (Winarto et al., 2020). The movie selected for discussion in this article is Freedom Writers. It is a powerful drama based on real events, directed by Richard LaGravenese. It tells the inspiring story of Erin Grunwell, a young teacher who inspires her troubled students through the power of writing and education. Facing racial tensions and personal hardships, Grunwell uses literature to connect with her students and help them find their voices amidst adversity. The film highlights' themes of tolerance, empowerment, and the transformative impact of education in overcoming societal barriers

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

According to Michaelsen et al., (2023), A teaching technique is any of a wide variety of exercises, activities, or tasks used in the language classroom to realize lesson objectives. The interaction between the learner and the learning context is described, and ultimate success in learning to use a second language is most likely to depend on the learner's attitude (Getie, 2020). In short, different teaching strategies are critical for motivating and engaging students. As stated above, teaching techniques are an important part of education. Using a different approach and method can affect students' learning motivation and attitudes.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study used a qualitative research design with content analysis. Data is acquired from the dialogues and events identified in the film Freedom Writers, which focuses on English teaching techniques and values. This research data is obtained from the dialogue and events identified in Freedom Writers movie, especially about teaching techniques and values. The subject of this study is a movie named Freedom Writers directed by Richard LaGravenese. Freedom Writers is an American movie released in 2007. Its story focuses on Erin Gruwell, a young teacher played by Hilary Swank, who starts teaching at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. The data collection technique in this research is watching the movie, classifying and writing the teaching techniques and educational values found, and then coding the data. The data analysis techniques use a procedure by Cresswell.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on the findings, the Freedom Writers movie contains some teaching techniques. These include authentic material, transformation drills, task-based instruction, creative adaption, teacher silence, paragraph writing, guided paragraphs, reading aloud, and journal paragraphs.

Table 1. Total data on teaching techniques

No	Teaching Technique	Total
1.	Authentic Material	6

2.	Transformation Drill	1
3.	Task-Based Instruction	1
4.	Creative Adaption	3
5.	Teacher Silence	1
6.	Paragraph Writing	1
7.	Guided Paragraph	1
8	Reading Aloud	1
9.	Journal Writing	1
	Total	16

The second discussion is about educational values reflected in the movie Freedom Writers. Some educational values are found in the movie Freedom Writers.

They are honesty, courage, self-discipline, loyalty, respect, self-confidence, love and affection, kindness and friendliness, justice, and humanity.

Table 2. Total of Data Values

No	Values	Total
1.	Honesty	1
2.	Courage	1
3.	Self-Discipline	1
4.	Loyalty	1
5.	Respect	1
6.	Self-Confident	1
7.	Love and Affection	1
8.	Kind and Friendly	1
9.	Justice Humane	1
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This study, entitled “An Analysis of Teaching Techniques and Educational Values Found in Freedom Writers Movie,” aims to discover the teaching techniques and values in the Freedom Writers Movie. After analysis of the data obtained in this research, some results can be explained. There were nine teaching techniques in the Freedom Writers movie: Authentic Material 6 data, Transformation Drill 1 data, Task-Based Instruction 1 data, Creative Adaption 3 data, Teacher Silence 1 data, guided writing 1 data, Guided Writing 1 data Reading Aloud 1 data, Journal Writing 1 data.

The researcher also found values contained in Freedom Writers movies. Values influence students’ behavior, and one factor that might change and make values in the classroom is the teacher. In this research, the present researcher found some values from the main character in this movie, such as Honesty 1 data, Courage 1 data, Self-discipline 1 data, Loyalty 1 data, Respect 1 data, Self-confidence 1 data, Love and Affection 1 data, Kind and Friendly 1 data, and Justice Humane 1 data.

The researcher also found some similarities with the research conducted by Tri Yulianingsih, Syarifanto, and Maria Wulandari under the title “A Portraiture of Teaching Techniques and Values Proposed in Dead Poets Society, A Movie by Peter Weir.” The similarities are in the finding of teaching techniques: authentic material, reading aloud, paragraph writing, and creative adaptation.

CONCLUSION

Based on the result of the research on teaching techniques and educational values in Freedom Writers movie, the researcher can conclude that the teaching techniques contained in the movie are authentic material, transformation drill, task-based instruction, creative adaption, teacher silence, paragraph writing, guided writing, reading aloud, and journal writing. The highest found of the teaching techniques was authentic material with 6 data found. The lowest was transformation drill, task-based instruction, teacher silence, paragraph writing, guided writing, reading aloud, and journal writing with 1 data each.

Because the teacher plays an important role in helping students learn effectively and motivating them to study, a teacher must know different teaching techniques to make the students enjoy the learning process with a different technique that fits their situation.

The researcher also concluded that the movie contains educational values such as honesty, courage, self-discipline, loyalty, respect, self-confidence, love and affection, kindness and friendliness, and justice and humanity.

The research results above show that teaching students with different techniques can change their perspective on learning and motivate them to learn. It also makes them interested in learning a new thing every day.

Based on the findings of this research, the researcher makes recommendations for future research and suggests that anybody interested in conducting research use this study as a reference for writing or carrying out similar research.

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