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ABSTRACT


The aim of this study was to explain the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher for leading her country in The Iron Lady movie, a movie which is directed by Phyllida Lloyd. This movie highlights the problems in the United Kingdom such as politic, economy, and society which make Margaret Thatcher a prime minister in the United Kingdom.

In this paper, the writer decided to analyze a problem formulation, namely “what are the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in The Iron Lady Movie? In the discussion, the writer used psychological approach in order to analyze Margaret Thatcher’s characteristics. Through the movie, the writer could identify the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher. The theories used in this study are theories of character by Abrams (1985) and also the theory of characterization by Murphy (1972).

This study used library research as the method to collect the data. In this study, there were two kinds of data: they were the primary data and secondary data. The primary data was The Iron Lady movie, and the secondary data were gained from relevant books such as Understanding Unseens: An Introduction to English Poetry and English Novel for Overseas Students (Murphy,1972), and trusted online websites such as What is Dementia? (Alzheimer’s Association, 1980).

Based on the result of the analysis, it could be concluded that Margaret Thatcher is a major character because she always appears from the beginning until the end of the story and also she is the only character that will be discussed in this paper. According to the theory of the kinds of characteristics, the writer found some of Margaret Thatcher’s characteristics for leading her country; they are professional, well-composed, ambitious, stubborn, and forgetful person. Margaret Thatcher is a professional person that could be found by Margaret Thatcher’s explanation about her past life and her direct comment. Next, she is a well-composed person which could be seen by her reactions to face events or situations around her. Besides, she is an ambitious person which could be seen from her speech. She is also a stubborn person which could be seen through the conversations made by others and her direct comment. Finally, she is a forgetful person that could be understood through Margaret Thatcher’s manner or habit. She always imagined that her husband, Denis was still alive.

Keywords: characteristics, prime minister, The Iron Lady
ABSTRAK


Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menjelaskan tentang karakteristik dari Margaret Thatcher dalam memimpin negaranya di film The Iron Lady, sebuah film yang dibuat oleh Phyllida Lloyd. Film ini mengungkap kehidupan di United Kingdom yang membuat Margaret Thatcher ingin menjadi seorang menteri di United Kingdom.

Dalam penelitian ini, penulis memutuskan untuk menganalisis satu rumusan masalah yaitu karakteristik dari Margaret Thatcher yang menunyunya untuk menjadi seorang menteri di negaranya. Dalam penelitian ini, penulis menggunakan pendekatan psikologi untuk menganalisis karakteristik dari Margaret Thatcher. Melalui film, penulis dapat mengidentifikasi karakteristik dari Margaret Thatcher. Teori yang digunakan adalah teori karakter oleh (Abrams, 1985) dan juga teori mengenai jenis karakteristik oleh Murphy (1972).


Berdasarkan dari hasil analisa, dapat disimpulkan bahwa Margaret Thatcher adalah karakter utama karena ia selalu muncul dari awal sampai akhir cerita dan juga ia adalah satu-satunya karakter yang akan dibahas di penelitian ini. Menurut teori jenis karakteristik, penulis menemukan bahwa karakteristik dari Margaret Thatcher dalam memimpin negaranya yaitu ia seorang profesional, seorang yang dapat mengontrol emosinya dengan tenang, seorang yang ambisius, seorang yang keras kepala,dan seorang pelupa. Ia seorang professional karena dapat dimengerti dari penjelasan tentang masa lalunya dan percakapannya sendiri. Ia seorang yang dapat mengontrol emosinya dengan tenang, hal tersebut dapat dilihat dari reaksinya dalam menghadapi kejadian-kejadian atau situasi di sekitarnya. Selain itu, ia seorang yang keras kepala, hal tersebut dapat dilihat dari percakapan yang dibuat oleh orang lain dan percakapannya sendiri. Dan yang terakhir adalah ia seorang pelupa, hal tersebut dapat dilihat dari kebiasaannya dalam membayangkan bahwa suaminya, Denis masih hidup bersamanya.

Kata kunci: characteristics, prime minister, The Iron Lady
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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the background of the study, the research problem, the objective of the study, the benefits of the study, and the approach used in this study. The background of the study explains the writer’s reason for choosing the topic of the study and also the writer’s reason for choosing the film entitled *The Iron Lady* as the main source of the study. Then, the objectives of the study tell about the purpose of doing this study. Next, the benefit of the study which explains about the benefit of conducting this study for the English Language Education Study Program’s students and lecturers, the readers, the educators, and also the writer. The last, the approach of the study explains the detailed description of the movie, describes the approach in analyzing the movie, and describes the procedures for the analysis of the movie. In addition, there are some short theories used to discuss the research question.

A. Background of the Study

Leadership is defined as a setting that makes a new direction or vision for a group that they follow, for example, a leader is a spearhead for that new direction who should establish a clear vision. A leader should share that vision with others, so they will follow it willingly to provide the information, knowledge, and methods to
realize that vision, and also to solve the problems by all of the members (Steve. M, 1993).

In this study, the writer would like to discuss the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher of *The Iron Lady* movie that related to the literary work. Literature can share experience, information, ideas, and also knowledge from the result of people’s creation. It can be said that literature is a useful thing to be learned and it may act as a media evaluation without direct experience (Schwortz, 1965, p. 7).

The writer analyzed *The Iron Lady* movie by the director Phyllida Lloyd. The movie means different things in different contexts such as cartoon, educational, or biographical movie (Dick, 1978). This movie tells the story of a woman leadership, in this case as a Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, and what her characteristics are. *The Iron Lady* is a movie which tells us about the motivation of Margaret Thatcher, the main character in this movie to become a Prime Minister. This movie explains about Margaret Thatcher’s life since she was a teenager until she got married and she became a Prime Minister. Her life background acts powerfully in this movie. Based on this movie, we know that the real life is so cruel because there are problems that we have to face in this life. There are some problems that Margaret Thatcher has to face in leading her country such as politic, economy, and society. In fact, Margaret Thatcher is a stubborn woman, but she is so smart and motivated to become a leader like a man. Because of that, she proves to people that she can lead her country just like a man and she can solve the problems in her country well. There is an appendix.
in this study. The appendix in this study consists of the summary of the *Iron Lady* movie. It is provided to help the readers get the story of the movie.

The writer preferred to choose the movie as the main source of the analysis in this study. It happens because it was based on a true story which inspires the writer and women in this world to become stronger. The movie is a true story because it is based on the life and career of Margaret Thatcher, a British stateswoman and politician who was the longest-serving prime minister of the United Kingdom of the 20th century. There are some aspects that can be analyzed from the story and they help the writer to catch the feeling of the story. In addition, the writer chose the movie because it is an English-speaking movie. Considering that the writer is studying in English education, this movie will become a good media of learning English in which the writer can improve the vocabulary mastery from the movie and it can also help the writer to know the way to pronounce the new vocabulary correctly. In addition, the writer chose *The Iron Lady* movie instead of the biography because the writer could get the feeling of the movie by watching the movie carefully. It makes the writer could do her study well because the writer could find the information on the movie by studying the script.

Based on the main purpose of this paper, the writer has decided the research question which becomes the object to be analyzed deeper in this paper. The question is: “What are the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in *The Iron Lady* movie?”
The aim of this study is to find out the characteristics of a leadership. There are three benefits that can be taken from this study. The first one is for the students and lecturers of English Language Education Study Program that can apply the study in Movie Interpretation Class, Drama Class, Psikologi Remaja Class, and Psikologi Belajar dan Pembelajaran Class. This study will also be a good source for the students to learn English. It happens because there are useful vocabulary in the movie, so they can learn more about the vocabulary and how to pronounce them correctly. Besides, there are some good characteristics of Margaret Thatcher in this study. Those characteristics can help the lecturers to reflect or to know about how to be a good lecturer or leader, so they can lead and manage their class well.

The second benefit is for the readers and the educators, like teachers, tutors, or parents. This study discusses Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in her country. Therefore, for people who would like to be a leader will get the knowledge about leadership from Margaret Thatcher. Hopefully, it can inspire educators to be good leaders so they can realize that they have good things in themselves to bring up the young future generations.

The last benefit is for the writer. By doing this study, the writer can automatically improve his/her knowledge and skill in observing and interpreting movies. Moreover, the writer will also get the lessons about the psychology approach, especially related to the characteristics as he/she is going to be a teacher or a leader after he/she graduated. He/she will know the things that should be done and should not be done as a good teacher or a good leader.
The objective of the study is describing the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher who plays the role as a Prime Minister in *The Iron Lady* movie through her behavior and speech. There are some characters inside, but the writer only focuses on Margaret Thatcher’s characteristics. The aim of this study is to analyze the main character in *The Iron Lady* movie by applying the psychological approach (Rohrberger, M., & Wood, 1971). By doing this research, the writer can discover the characteristics and life background of the main character, Margaret Thatcher that make her willing to become a Prime Minister.

The methodology of this study is the writer mentions and describes the procedures or the steps taken in analyzing *The Iron Lady* movie. There are two parts of the methodology, they are the object of the study and the approach of the study. The first part is the object of the study. In this part, the writer gives the detailed description about *The Iron Lady* movie. The second part is the approach of the study. The writer describes the approach that is used in analyzing the movie.

The object of this study is a movie entitled *The Iron Lady* which was released on December 26th, 2011 in Australia and New Zealand, January 6th, 2012 in United Kingdom, and January 13th, 2012 in the United States. The genre of this movie is a biographical movie. As a movie, *The Iron Lady* won four awards, both locally and internationally. This movie was nominated *Best Actress Oscar* in which Meryl Streep's performance was widely acclaimed, and considered to be one of the finest of her career. Meryl Streep received her 17th *Best Actress Oscar* nomination for her portrayal and ultimately won the award. The movie also earned its third *Golden*
Globe Award for Best Actress – Motion Picture Drama award (the eighth Golden Globe Award win overall), and its second British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role. Besides, the movie also won the Academy Award for Best Makeup and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award for Best Makeup and Hair. Because of its success, this movie is made as a book with the same title. This book is written by John Campbell, a New Zealand journalist. The director of this movie is Phyllida Lloyd, a British director, and in 1985, she was awarded an Arts Council of Great Britain bursary to be Trainee Director at the Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich (Imdb, 1990).

This movie took in the United Kingdom where Margaret Thatcher led the country as a Prime Minister. It described the historical setting in 1979 up to 1990. The Iron Lady movie is a story about a Prime Minister in United Kingdom. Margaret Thatcher is a woman who leads her country with her powerful acts. When the event of Margaret Thatcher became a Prime Minister in United Kingdom, it made a controversial case in that country because most people in that country could not accept that they would be led by a woman. Margaret Thatcher has firm principles on the emancipation of women, which is to equalize the position between men and women. Even though there are some main characters in this movie, the writer only focuses on the character of Margaret Thatcher.

Through the movie, the viewers are invited to see the social challenges and pressures by Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in her struggle to lead her country to be better. This movie is insightful to help leaders nowadays because it
provides relevant examples on how to thrive throughout the demands for leaders to make Indonesian people get a good leadership. This study focused on the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher in her role as a Prime Minister, so the writer chose the psychological approach. In order to understand the character of Margaret Thatcher, this study analyzes how she thinks and behaves. As it is stated by Rohrberger & Wood (1971), there were some purposes to analyze and find out the patterns of the character’s behavior, thoughts, actions, or motives. By using this approach, the writer explored the characteristics through speech and thoughts found in *The Iron Lady* movie.

**B. Approach of the Study**

The writer uses Psychological approach (Rohrberger & Woods, 1971) in analyzing this movie. The writer uses this approach because this approach can relate the story in the movie about the behavior and characteristics of Margaret Thatcher. The writer employs a critical approach to help the writer understand the nature, function, and good values of the literary work reasonably. There are two ways of doing the critical approach, namely a psychology approach and a biographical approach.

The psychology approach has the main focus on the human personality which also contains human thought, behavior, and motivation (Rohrberger & Woods, 1971). The writer uses this approach to help the writer to analyze the characteristics
psychologically and to find out the personality competencies reflected by the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher in *The Iron Lady* movie.

In this study, the writer used the library study to collect the data. The data were divided into two; they were primary and secondary data. The primary data was taken only from the movie *The Iron Lady* and the movie script. Then, the secondary data was taken from some sources, they were some books such as *Understanding Unseens: An Introduction to English Poetry and English Novel for Overseas Students* (Murphy, 1972), journals or scientific articles such as *A Political Philosophy: Arguments for Conservatism* (Scruton, 2007) and online websites such as *What is Dementia?* (Alzheimer’s Association, 1980).

The writer used some steps to conduct this study and analyzing the movie. The first step was to comprehend the primary source. The writer watched the movie at least eight times to get the point and deep information of the movie, especially the target character, Margaret Thatcher. Moreover, the writer also read the movie script at least eight times to help the writer analyze the movie. This step helped the writer to decide the topic of which the writer preferred to make as the focus of the study. Because the writer decided to study the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher, the writer decided to take notes on all description of Margaret Thatcher. Besides, the writer took notes about important events, such as the problem faced by Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in her country.
The second step was formulating the problems. The writer decided to analyze the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in the movie. The writer chose this problem formulation as the focus of the study because as a human being, leaders are not only demanded to be professional in leadership but also in personality.

The third step was finding the other sources to find relevant theories. The theories which were used for the discussion later were the theories on psychological approach (Rohberger & Woods, 1971), character (Abrams, 1985), characteristics (Murphy, 1972), and leadership (Steve. M, 1993).

After the writer collected the needed theories, the writer went to the fourth step. The fourth step was analyzing the movie based on the problem formulation by applying the theories which were collected from the previous step. There was one thing which would be answered, namely the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in her country.

The last step was making conclusions of the study. This step was done by the writer after doing the library study, formulating the problems, finding the data and the theories, and also after making the analysis. Finally, the writer made a conclusion to answer the problems formulation. Before the writer explained the discussion of the study, the writer would like to explain some short theories which aimed to give the readers the right information by providing a good and clear definition of some important terms to avoid misunderstanding. The following theories are used to elaborate the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as follows.
1. Character

As explained by Abrams (1985), a character can be divided into two types, major and minor characters. A major character is a character who dominates the story or he/she becomes the focus of the story like Margaret Thatcher in *The Iron Lady* movie. Because she always appears from the beginning until the end of the story. While a minor character is the character who appears only in certain part and becomes the background in order to help the existence of the major character.

2. Characteristics

According to Feist and Feist (2009), a characteristic is defined as unique types of someone which include the attributes, such as physical appearance, intelligence, temperament, and other aptitudes.

By using the theory of characteristic by Murphy (1972), we will understand the description of Margaret Thatcher’s characteristics through some ways, they are:

a. Personal Description

This way is done by describing physical appearances (Murphy, 1972, p. 161), for examples of the face, the clothes, the color, or the size.

b. Character as Seen by Another

This way will be done through what other characters think about the certain character. The author describes the certain character through the eye and the opinion of others (Murphy, 1972, p. 162).
c. Speech

This way describes the certain character through what he or she says (Murphy, 1972, p. 164). The speech usually contains the motivation and attitudes of his or her life.

d. Past Life

This way helps the readers to shape the character by providing his or her past life explanations (Murphy, 1972, p. 166).

e. Conversation of Others

This way helps the readers to understand the certain character by the conversation of other people and also the things they say about the certain character (Murphy, 1972, p. 167).

f. Reactions

This way tells how to know the certain character through his or her reaction towards certain events or situations (Murphy, 1972, 168).

g. Direct Comment

This way is done by the writer of providing direct comment or description about the certain character (Murphy, 1972, p. 170).

h. Thoughts

This way shows that the thoughts of the certain character help the readers get the description of that character (Murphy, 1972, p. 171).
i. Mannerisms

This way describes the certain character by explaining the character’s habit or manner which might show the readers about his or her characteristics (Murphy, 1972, p. 173).

From the discussion above it can be concluded that in chapter one consists of the background, the research problem, the objective, the benefits, and the approach of the study. Next, in chapter two will be discussed the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a prime minister.
CHAPTER II

DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer addresses the problem formulated in the first chapter, which will explore about the description of Margaret Thatcher who role as a Prime Minister in *The Iron Lady* movie.

The Characteristics of Margaret Thatcher

Applying the theory of characterization by Murphy (1972), about the researcher analyses the characters’ description of Margaret Thatcher in *The Iron Lady* movie through some ways, namely personal description, character as seen by others, speech, past life, reactions, thoughts, and mannerism (p. 161-173).

1. A Professional Person

Margaret Thatcher is a professional person. According to Professional Standards Council (2010), a professional person is a member of professions who governed by codes of ethics, and profess commitment to competence, integrity and morality, and also altruism. This characteristic can be understood by Margaret Thatcher’s explanations about her past life and her direct comment.
Quote 1: When Margaret Thatcher has conversations with William.

WILLIAM: Was your father a political man too, Miss Roberts?
MARGARET THATCHER: Oh yes, to his core. And a grocer as well, it was a family business. Also, a Mayor of Grantham.
MICHAEL: A very good starting point for the political life, I am sure.
MARGARET THATCHER: That and a degree from Oxford.

According to the conversation between William and Margaret Thatcher, it shows that since Margaret Thatcher was young, she was always interested in politics career. It could be shown by Margaret Thatcher’s father. He was a local businessman who was introduced to conservative politics. Her father was a member of the town’s council. Besides, after two years she graduated from Oxford, she was accepted to work for public office. She served as the Prime Minister of United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990 (Dujan, 2008)

Quote 2: When Margaret Thatcher as the candidate for a Dartford parliamentary seat.

EX PRIME MINISTER: These power cuts will continue unless we can reach a compromise. The miners are asking for a 35% increase in wages. Obviously, we cannot go anywhere near that. The unions are not our enemies and never have been. We want and we always wanted, the broadest consensus.
MARGARET THATCHER: Hear, hear. With the miners’ union leader today are calling for the army to mutiny in support of the strikes, this seems the wrong time for conciliation.

Margaret Thatcher’s professionalism can be seen by her speech. She ran as the candidate for a Dartford parliamentary seat in the 1950 elections when she was 24 years old.
Quote 3: When Margaret Thatcher as a new leader of the Conservative party.

AIREY: Give them hell. You look magnificent. Next stop, Prime Minister.
MARGARETTHATCHER: Oh Airey. Thank you.
AIREY: Lets go.
HOST: Please welcome, the new leader of the Conservative Party, Margaret Thatcher.

From the second quote, it tells that Margaret Thatcher becomes a new leader of the Conservative Party. She was elected to become a leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. So, it means that Margaret Thatcher is always interested to politic cases.

2. A Well-Composed Person

Margaret Thatcher is a well-composed person. We can see it from her reactions to face events or situations. There are two quotes that show Margaret Thatcher is a well-Composed person.

Quote 1: When there are three women mock Margaret Thatcher because she does not wear pretty clothes.

WOMAN I: Look at Margaret, do you think she would like to come the pictures?
WOMAN II: She is not coming out, she has to study.
WOMAN I, II, and III: Miss Hoity-Toity! (hahahahaha)

The first quote is between Margaret Thatcher and the three women who are beautiful and fashionable. The conversation happens when the three women mock Margaret Thatcher because she does not wear pretty clothes and she only works in grocer Alfred Roberts, which is her father’s store. Although, the three women mock
her but she does not care about it and she continues her work in her father’s store. She does not care about it because she is a well-composed person.

**Quote 2:** When Margaret Thatcher has debate with The Honorable gentleman.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** The Right Honorable Gentleman knows very well that we had no choice. Even though we have to close the schools.  
**THE SUPPORTER OF THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** Shame! Disgrace!  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Because his union paymasters have called a strike deliberately to cripple our economy. Teachers cannot teach when there is no heating, no lighting in their classrooms. And I ask the Right Honorable Gentleman, whose fault is that?  
**THE SUPPORTER OF THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** Yours! Yours!  
**THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** I think the Right Honorable Lady screech too much. (hahahaha). And she would like us to take her seriously, she must to learn calm down! (hahahaha).  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Very good. If the Right Honorable Gentleman could perhaps attend more closely to what I am saying, rather than how I am saying it, he may receive a valuable education in spite of himself.  
**THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** Why has this Conservative government failed?  
**THE SUPPORTER OF MARGARET THATCHER:** It has not failed.  
**THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** Minister, the breakdown in essential public services, in transport, in electricity, in sanitation, is not the fault of the trade unions.  
**THE SUPPORTER OF MARGARET THATCHER:** It is entirely the fault of the trade unions.  
**THE HONORABLE GENTLEMAN:** But of this Conservative government in which you so shamefully serve!

The second quote is between Margaret Thatcher, The Honorable Gentleman, The Supporter of Margaret Thatcher, and also The Supporter of The Honorable Gentleman. Margaret Thatcher is a well-composed person, it can be seen through her
reactions to the other speaker, the Honorable Gentleman’s critical responses upon her who is a woman who may lead the country as a Prime Minister. Margaret Thatcher defends her opinion by making the country became better and standing firm on her ground because she is a person who holds principles.

**Quote 3:** When Margaret Thatcher’s mother disagrees with her decision to study in Oxford.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** I have got a place at Oxford.
**MARGARET THATCHER’S FATHER:** Do not let me down, Margaret.
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Mother!
**MARGARET THATCHER’S MOTHER:** My hands are still damp.

The third quote is between Margaret Thatcher, Margaret Thatcher’s father, and Margaret Thatcher’s mother. Although, Margaret Thatcher’s mother does not like that Margaret Thatcher is accepted for studying in Oxford, but she still wants to study in Oxford because studying in Oxford is one of her dreams. So, it can be said that Margaret Thatcher is a well-composed person.

**3. An Ambitious Person**

Ambitious means a striving to get some kinds of achievement or distinction that involves the desire for achievement and motivation or determination to strive for its accomplishment even in the case of adversity or failure (Burton, 1991). There are some characteristics of Margaret Thatcher which are reflected in her speech and direct comment. Margaret Thatcher is an ambitious woman. She would like to be politician in her country. Moreover, she has her own principles to make her country to be better in politic, economy, and society by leading her country as a prime
minister. She would like to prove that woman can be a leader just like a man.

Margaret Thatcher’s ambition is shown on these quotes:

**Quote 1:** When Margaret Thatcher has a dinner with Michael and Jacqueline tonight.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** What I do think is that a man should be encouraged to stand on his own two feet. Yes, we help people. Of course we help people. But for those that can do, they must just get up and do. And if something is wrong, they should not just whine about it, they should in there and do something about it, change things.

**MICHAEL:** With all due respect, Miss Roberts, what may have served in Grantham?

**MARGARET THATCHER:** Can serve very well for the people of Dartford, too.

**MICHAEL:** Really?

**MARGARET THATCHER:** I know much more than those who never lived on a limited income. Just like the man or the woman in the street, when I am short one week, I have to make economies the next.

The first quote is between Margaret Thatcher and Michael. According to Margaret Thatcher, if there is something wrong in her country they should not just whine about it because they should make changes.

**Quote 2:** When Margaret Thatcher has a conversation with her husband, Denis.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** What Britain needs is an Iron Lady. Being Prime Minister is a lonely job. You cannot lead from the crowd.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** I will never be one of those women, Denis, who stays silent and pretty on the arm of her husband. Or remote and alone in the kitchen, doing the washing-up, for that matter. One’s life must matter, Denis. Beyond all the cooking and the cleaning and the children, one’s life must mean more than that. I cannot die when I am washing up a tea cup.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where
there is doubt, may we bring faith. And where there is despair, may we bring hope.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** We will stand on principle or we will not stand at all. I have done battle every single day of my life. And men have underestimated me before. This lot seem bound to do the same. But they will rue the day.

Margaret Thatcher is an ambitious person. She thinks that her country needs an Iron Lady as a prime minister who can work alone to lead the country. Margaret Thatcher does not want to die when she is washing up a tea cup, so she wants to be a prime minister in her country. She wants to lead her country to be better by her own principles. Also, she wants to prove that woman can be a leader like a man, so men will not underestimate women again.

**Quote 3:** When Margaret Thatcher’s husband, Denis proposes marriage to Margaret Thatcher.

**DENIS:** Margaret, will you marry me? Well?

**MARGARET THATCHER:** Yes. I love you so much, but I will never be one of those women, Denis, who stays silent and pretty on the arm of her husband. Or remote and alone in the kitchen, doing the washing up, for that matter.

**DENIS:** We will help for that.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** No. One’s life must matter, Denis. Beyond all the cooking, and the cleaning and the children, one’s life must mean more than that.

The third quote is between Denis and Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher wants to be Denis’ wife but she does not want to be other women who stays silent and fashionable on the arm of their husbands. She thinks that life must matter or must mean more than that because she does not want only doing anything in the kitchen.
4. A Stubborn Person

Margaret Thatcher is also a stubborn woman. We can see it through direct comment and the conversations made by others and direct comment, such as in the quotes below:

**Quote 1:** When Margaret Thatcher’s daughter, Carol visits Margaret Thatcher.

**CAROL:** I hear you went out today. You must not go out on your own, Mommy. We have talked about that.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** There was no milk.  
**CAROL:** Call Robert, he will get it for you if June is not up.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** I am not for the knacker’s yet.  
**CAROL:** Now, take it easy, Margaret. No one is saying that.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** If I cannot go out to buy a pint of milk, what is the world coming to? Really, Carol. Please do not fuss about it. Yo have been like this fuss, fuss, fuss. You must find something better to do with your time.

In the first quote tells that Margaret Thatcher does not want to listen to her daughter, Carol’s suggestion. Carol’s suggestion is asks Margaret Thatcher to not go out by herself because Margaret Thatcher can ask someone to buy milk for her. This characteristics can be seen by Margaret Thatcher’s direct comment.

**Quote 2:** When Margaret Thatcher sees her doctor in the hospital.

**DOCTOR:** We just want to keep abreast of it, that is all.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Yes, of course.  
**DOCTOR:** Grief is very natural state.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** My husband has been gone for years ago because of cancer.  
**DOCTOR:** Carol says you have decided to let his things go. Probably a good thing.  
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Yes. It was my idea. To Oxfam. Perfectly good stuff. People can use these things.  
**DOCTOR:** Still, it must be a bit disorientating. You are bound to be feeling
MARGARET THATCHER: What am I bound to be feeling? People do not think any more. They feel. What are you feeling? Oh I do not feel comfortable.

In the second quote tells that Margaret Thatcher is a stubborn person because she does not want to let her husband, Denis go. It means that if Denis’ things still around her, it will make Margaret Thatcher always has hallucinations or imagines that Denis is still alive with her. This characteristic can be seen by Margaret Thatcher’s direct comment.

Quote 3: When there are conversations between Minister I, Minister II, Minister III, Minister IV, and Minister V.

MINISTER I: There must be a change in that style of management, that Mrs. Margaret Thatcher must listen more, and in occasion, give in.
MINISTER II: The point is, Prime Minister, I do not think we can sell the idea of a tax that asks everyone to pay the same.
MINISTER III: Our policies may be unpopular, but they are the right policies.
MINISTER IV: Prime Minister, I just do not think we can ask the poorest of the poor to pay the same amount of tax as a multi-millionaire.
MINISTER V: We will never win another election led by that woman. We need a leader who listens.

People thought that their Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher is a stubborn person which it can be seen by conversations made by others. It occurs because she does not like to listen to others’ opinion to make their country becomes better. As the example in economy case, not all of the people have the same income, so some of the people say that the tax manifestly is unfair. The tax manifestly is unfair means not all of people can pay the tax easily because not all of people are rich but there are some poor people also in the country. So, the poor people often have difficulty to pay the tax. On the other words, Margaret Thatcher does not care about it because according
to her “If you live in this country, you must pay for the duty”. It means that she just wants to lead her country in her own way. It occurs because she leads her country conservatively. She is best known for her destruction of Britain’s traditional industries through her attacks on labor organizations.

5. A forgetful Person

Margaret Thatcher’s husband, Denis, actually had passed away in 2003 because of cancer. However, along Margaret Thatcher’s life, she cannot believe that her husband had passed away. We can see it through Margaret Thatcher’s manner or habit (Murphy, 1972, p. 173). She always imagines that her husband, Denis, is still alive to support her in leading the country well. This means that Margaret Thatcher is suffering dementia disease. People with dementia may have problems with short-term memory because the disease has a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person’s ability to perform everyday activities (Alzheimer’s Association, 1980). There are two quotes below that show Margaret Thatcher is a forgetful person because of her dementia disease.

**Quote 1:** When Margaret Thatcher imagines that she has breakfast with her husband, Denis in the morning.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** Uh-uh.. it is too much butter.
**DENIS:** I like butter.
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Milk is gone up. 49p a pint.
**DENIS:** Good grief. We will have to economize. I suppose we could always sell the car. Or take in paying guests. Watch out. She is on the prowl.
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Eat your egg.
In the first quote, Margaret Thatcher imagines that she has breakfast with her husband, Denis in the dining room. Having breakfast together in the dining room is their habit every morning, so Margaret Thatcher always imagines that she has breakfast with her husband who had already passed away.

**Quote 2:** When Margaret Thatcher imagines that she chooses her husband’s clothes.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** No, no, no, no. The grey.
**DENIS:** Are you sure? Mm..
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Definitely the grey.
**DENIS:** Right, boss knows best.
**MARGARET THATCHER:** Wear your scarf. There is a chill out there.

In the second quote, Margaret Thatcher chooses the grey coat for her husband, Denis. She also asks her husband to wear his scarf because it is pretty cold out there. This quote shows that Margaret Thatcher always chooses her husband’s clothes because she has a better opinion rather than her husband.

**Quote 3:** When Margaret Thatcher gets up in the morning.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** What time is it?
**DENIS:** Sun is not quite over the yardarm. It’s time for tea. Look Margaret.
**MARGARET THATCHER:** What have you got on your head?
**DENIS:** Found it in the cupboard, and thought, bugger it, it’s Friday, why not fancy dress?
**MARGARET THATCHER:** You look ridiculous.
**DENIS:** Boss lady no like?
**MARGARET THATCHER:** No. Denis, boss lady no like.

In the third quote, Margaret Thatcher asks her husband, Denis what time it is. Then, Denis answers that it is tea time with his joke which he wears a kind of heats
that makes Margaret Thatcher say that he looks ridiculous. That moment still happens in Margaret Thatcher’s daily life because she thinks that her husband, Denis is still alive with her. Therefore, from the three quotes above, it can be concluded that Margaret Thatcher becomes a forgetful person because of her dementia disease. It happens because she lost some memories such as her husband’s death several years ago because of cancer.
CHAPTER III

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This is the last chapter of the study. The content of this chapter is about the conclusions of the discussion and the suggestions for the teachers or students, and future researchers. In chapter two, from the discussion, the research question has been answered. The research question of this study is “What are the characteristics of Margaret Thatcher as a Prime Minister in The Iron Lady Movie”.

A. Conclusions

Margaret Thatcher is a professional person, especially in political career. We can see it from her past life that she is a daughter of a local businessman and a member of the town’s council. In addition, she was accepted to work for the public office. After that, she became the candidate for a Dartford parliamentary seat in the 1950 elections when she was 24 years old. Then, she was elected become a leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. Finally, She served as the Prime Minister for two decades.

Margaret Thatcher is a well-composed person. We can know it by her reaction to face her difficult situations, she defends her opinion to make the country becomes better. For examples, when three women mock her and also people underestimates
her ability to become a leader, she still stands firm on her principles that become a leader is not only for a man but also for a woman.

Margaret Thatcher is very ambitious to be a Prime Minister in her country. She wants to remove all of the problems in her country by making a change for her country to be better, especially in the common problems such as in politic, economy, and society. Therefore, to make her dreams come true, she has her own principles to lead the country. She hopes that with her principles, she can make a change for her country so that her country becomes a peaceful country.

Margaret Thatcher is a stubborn person which means that she has her own principles in her life. She has her own principles to lead the country, so she does not want to listen to others’ opinion to make the country becomes better. She just thinks that her own principles are the best way to lead the country. For example, when people ask Margaret Thatcher to give negotiation to poor people who cannot pay the tax but Margaret Thatcher does not care about it. It occurs because she has her own principle “If you live in this country, you must pay for the duty”.

Margaret Thatcher is a forgetful person because of her dementia disease. Actually, the disease is bothering her life because it makes her always imagines that her husband, Denis, is still alive with her. She always imagines that her husband always supports her to lead the country well. In fact, her husband, Denis had passed away in 2003. She always imagines her habit in her daily life with her husband, Denis such as she imagines that she has breakfast with him every morning and also she always prepares Denis’ clothes.
B. Recommendations

The recommendations are divided into two parts. The first part is the suggestions for teachers and students. The second part is for future researchers.

1. Suggestions for Teachers and Students

_The Iron Lady_ movie can be one of the inspirations for teachers and students who are interested in developing their qualities and their students. Teachers can learn how to manage the students in the class by using Margaret Thatcher’s characteristics. The writer suggests that teachers use this movie as a mirror for self-reflection and self-improvements. Teachers can make a list of the characteristics of leadership skill which can be found in this movie and then do a self-analysis on their teaching process in the class. The _Iron Lady_ movie can also be the media to develop students’ vocabulary mastery and the pronunciation of the vocabulary. Teachers can encourage students by giving them analytical questions such as 1) In your opinion, what is the movie telling about? 2) In your opinion, what are the characteristics of leadership? or ask them to write the analysis on this movie before they watch the movie. After that, teachers invite the students to watch some clips of the movie which show the characteristics of leadership skill.

2. Suggestions for Future Researchers

_The Iron Lady_ movie provides a wide data to study. The content of this movie is a combination of some aspects. They are leadership, characteristics, and
psychology aspects. So, the writer recommends this movie to be studied by future researchers who are interested mainly on leadership and psychology. In this study the writer analyzed one of the characters in the movie and it is limited only on the psychological aspect. Therefore, future researchers still have chances to do deeper and wider analysis on this movie.
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APPENDIX

THE SUMMARY OF THE IRON LADY MOVIE

The Iron Lady movie is a biographical movie which tells the journey of Margaret Thatcher’s life. Margaret Thatcher was born on October 13, 1925, in Grantham, England. She is the daughter of a local businessman who was introduced to conservative politics by her father, a member of the town’s council. She is also a woman politician who has strong influence in the world. She is successful in the history as the first woman Prime Minister in United Kingdom who occupied that position for more than one decade. This movie shows some fluctuations in politic, economy, and social field in the arrangement of the government and society which happened at that time. When she was in university, she served as a president of the Conservative Association. Two years after she graduated from her college, she was accepted to work for public office.
The story begins when an elderly woman, Margaret Thatcher looks over pints of milk in the store near the upscale London neighborhood of Chester Square. Margaret Thatcher asks how much the milk is and she is shocked because the price of the milk is higher than her expectation and then she pay it in the cashier. When she gets home, she boils some eggs for herself and her husband Denis who had actually passed away in 2003. The movie flips back and forth between scenes of an elderly Margaret Thatcher preparing to give away all of her late husband’s clothes and other items and the scenes where Margaret Thatcher treasures her life with her husband and also her political career. Margaret Thatcher is suffering a dementia which means she always imagines that her husband, Denis is still alive. It is not a specific disease; instead, dementia describes a group of symptoms affecting memory, thinking and social abilities severely enough to interfere with daily functioning (Mayo Clinic, 1998). In the flashback, the pretty and fashionable girls in Margaret Thatcher’s village walk and mock her because she does not wear fancy clothes and also she works in grocer’s Alfred Roberts which is her father’s store. Margaret Thatcher does not care what they think because the important one is she is going to attend Oxford. Her mother disagree with her choice to attend Oxford, but her father agrees. Her mother has a bad attitude and might be a little jealous of Margaret Thatcher because she claims to have wet hands and uses that as an excuse not to hug her daughter and congratulate her for getting into Oxford.

After graduating from Oxford, Margaret Thatcher is seen attempting to break into politics at the local level. There is a fancy dinner party that she has
been invited to, along with two of the random women and the rest are rich and pompous men. Margaret Thatcher tells them that the way to get the country back on its feet economically after the War is to learn how to budget and make sacrifices like women do in the homes. She ran as the candidate for a Dartford parliamentary seat in the 1950 elections when she was 24 years old. Then, Denis asks her to marry him; and she agrees on the condition that he understands she likes a career in politics and he cannot change her. Margaret Thatcher tells him that she will not die while she is washing up tea cups or attending to duties in the kitchen but that she will have a career in politics. Denis is behind her 100% and says that he loves her and would like to marry her. Finally, she was elected to be a leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. She served as the Prime Minister of United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990. As a Prime Minister, she battled the country’s recession by initially raising interest rates to control inflation. She can lead the country quite well marked with some progression that occurred at that time.