



The Analysis of Mr. Grant Taylor's Character as an Educator according to *Undang-Undang No.20 Tahun 2003* in “Facing the Giants” Movie

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Abstract: *Teacher role in the education system is imperative because the teacher alone is responsible for the growth of the students. A good teacher is someone who's not also be able to impart knowledge to the students, but also to mentor, guide, assess, criticize, train, and provide the students access to the world. A good teacher understands his/her students and tends to their needs. Patience and virtue are the most valuable thing a teacher should possess. As Ki Hadjar Dewantara - our education system founding father - had once said, “ing ngarso sing tulodo, ing madyo manguk karso, tut wuri handayani.” which can be translated into “standing at the front to be a model, in the middle to build the will to step forward, and in the back to support.” Teacher is an occupation that needs to be attended whole-heartedly due to the immense influence that will affect the growth of the students.*

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1. Introduction

Teacher is an honorable occupation where as he/she is trusted and followed by his/her students (Yenti Arsini, et al, 2023). Teacher is a professional whose responsibility is to educate, assess, guide, and provide training (Indonesian Law No.20 Year 2003 about National Education System chapter 39, verse 2.) Therefore, it is clear as stated in the National Education System Law, that a teacher is responsible over his/her students course of education. According to our national education forefather, Ki Hadjar Dewantara, education is an attempt to promote children to grow (1961:471). This is the perspective of how a teacher should look at their students regardless of their age. Students should be viewed as children who do not have the capability to understand certain topics, being taught, evaluated, and finally prepared for the future.

Teacher is responsible to provide education for his/her students (Abdul Hamid, 2017:41). A teacher must have knowledge and/or competence of what he/she is teaching. Even beyond the school walls, a teacher must provide such services (Noer Rohmah, 2014:311). There are many places that a teacher can offer his/her service, such as mosques, churches, even homes by providing private tuition. Teacher is bound to serve an education services with patience and resilience (Dzaki Muhammad, et al, 2019:31).



A teacher should have integrity and great personality (Moh. Noor, 2019:3) as teacher will be followed by his/her students. Thus a teacher occupation is not meant for everyone.

Pendidik adalah tenaga kependidikan yang berkualifikasi sebagai guru, dosen, konselor, pamong belajar, widyaiswara, tutor, instruktur, fasilitator, dan sebutan lain yang sesuai dengan kekhususannya, serta berpartisipasi dalam menyelenggarakan pendidikan. (UU Nomor 20 Tahun 2003, chapter 1, verse 6). This verse clearly explains that educators are people who are qualified to teach as a teacher, lecturer, counsilor, tutor, instructor, facilitator, and other title related to its function.

According to the Indonesian law above, herewith are the educator criterions as explained in *Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia* (Indonesian Language General Dictionary):

- *Guru* : orang yang pekerjaannya (mata pencahariannya, profesinya) mengajar. (a person whose occupation is teaching) (<https://kbbi.web.id/guru>)
- *Dosen* : tenaga pengajar pada perguruan tinggi (a person whose occupation is teaching in university level) (<https://kbbi.web.id/dosen>)
- *Konselor* : orang yang melayani konseling; penasihat; penyuluh (a person who serves counseling, advisor, or speaker of a respective topic) (<https://kbbi.web.id/konselor>)
- *Pamong belajar* : 1 pengasuh; 2 pendidik (guru); 3 pengurus (a caretaker, an educator) (<https://kbbi.web.id/pamong>)
- *Widyaiswara* : 1 guru; 2 Adm jabatan fungsional yang diberikan kepada pegawai negeri sipil dengan tugas mendidik, mengajar dan/atau melatih secara penuh pada unit pendidikan dan pelatihan dari instansi pemerintah. (a teacher, an occupation entrusted to a full-timer civil servant to teach, educate, and/or train in a govermental institution.) (<https://kbbi.web.id/widyaiswara>)
- *Tutor* : 1 orang yang memberi pelajaran (membimbing) kepada seseorang atau sejumlah kecil siswa (di rumah, bukan di sekolah); 2 dosen yang membimbing sejumlah mahasiswa dalam pelajarannya. (a home counsilor / private teacher to an individual or small group of students; a lecturer to a number of students) (<https://kbbi.web.id/tutor>)



- *Instruktur* : orang yang bertugas mengajarkan sesuatu dan sekaligus memberikan latihan dan bimbingannya; pengajar; pelatih; pengasuh: (a person whose task is to giving instruction and provide exercise and trainings; educators; coach; caretakers) (<https://kbbi.web.id/instruktur>)
- *Fasilitator* : orang yang menyediakan fasilitas; penyedia (a person who provides facilities; access to materials) (<https://kbbi.web.id/fasilitator>)

Teacher is a figure who holds an important role in education. Teacher roles are imperative to educate, guide, and motivate students. Teacher is also a facilitator, driving motor, and a counsilor to his/her students. Think of a teacher as a painting who is copied by his/her students. How well the painting results depends on how the sample/model provided by the teacher. There is an old Javanese proverb that says, “teacher is trusted and modeled after. In other words, teacher holds a position as a role model to his/her students, especially for elementary students who would always follow their teacher’s conduct, because children in their age are easy to follow after, even treated their teacher as idol more than their own parents. From then on, it’s clear that a teacher has to have respectable conduct, because teacher’s responsibility is not only limited to teaching, but also to sow and grow students character values. (Yenti Arsini, et al, 2023)

2. Research Method

Literature has various meanings depending on the context that the speakers refer to. It may mean literary writings such as fiction or literature in terms of major of study. Literature referring to literary writing could be defined as "the achievement of aesthetic and moral merit" such as those of canon or the great tradition. Or else, it is understood as "creative and imaginative" writing. What would this theory told is that literature can give a different context by the creativity and imaginative aspect from the reader's mind. Something we often see is someone can interpret something differently from the other even they are read the same book. Merriam Webster illustrates literature as "writings having excellence of form or expression and expressing ideas of permanent or universal interest," and Oxford terms literature as "written works, especially those considered of superior or lasting artistic merit." (Dhafin Rozaq Azka, 2021)

The researcher used qualitative method to process the data in this study. The researcher choose case studies on the “Facing the Giants” as a literature review to explore



the conduct of a fictional character ‘Mr. Grant Taylor’ as a coach of an underdog football team of a Shiloh Christian Academy in his effort to bring the football team to win the State Championship.

The data is collected by performing documentation technique by conducting steps as follows: a) Watching the “Facing the Giants”. b) Writing scenes where Mr Grant Taylor is indicated to have acted according to the main responsibility of a teacher. c) Taking note on plots and the plot twist in the story. d) Comparing data from the three points above to the theories about what a teacher is and how should a teacher behaves.

The final data was further compared to the Indonesian National Law number 20 Year 2023, chapter 1, verse 1-13, about National Education System. From this comparison, researcher would draw conclusion if Mr. Grant Taylor in the movie “Facing the Giants” had acted according to or against the teacher guide lines defined by the Indonesian National Law number 20 Year 2023, chapter 1, verse 1-13, and other experts.

3. Results and Discussions

The results of this research will be displayed in table with scenes, time stamps, and teacher roles indication.

No.	Scene	Time Stamp	Indicator(s)
	Grant Taylor instructed Zach Avery to do “Crossbuck 30”	00:00:57	Instructor
	Grant Taylor arranged his team to up against Dewey County in GISA Championship under unfavorable condition.	00:15:44	
	Grant Taylor seen giving instruction in Shiloh Eagle vs. Dewey County	00:22:48	
	Grant Taylor instructed Shiloh Eagle to build a strong defence line,	01:01:09	Instructor



	Grant Taylor instructed Brock Kelley to tackle an Ivey Grove player.	01:06:21	
	Grant Taylor instructed Shiloh Eagle in their match against Princeton Heights Panther.	01:08:59	
	Grant Taylor instructed Shiloh Eagle to take a knee and prayed despite their loss against Princeton Heights Panthers.	01:10:40	
	Grant Taylor Instructed Shiloh Eagle to practive and gear up for a match against Tucker Tigers on Friday night after Princeton Heights Panthers got disqualified over playing ineligble players in their previous game.	01:14:00	
	Grant Taylor instructed Shiloh Eagles to build a strong defence – a stone wall as he said, against the Tucker Tigers.	01:14:32	
	Grant Taylor instructed Joshua of the Shiloh Eagle to do a kick-off in their match against The Richland Giants.	01:26:38	
	Grant Taylor instructed the Shiloh Eagle to shake off the Richland Giants defence	01:28:46	
	Grant Taylor pulled Joshua out of the game after he suffered a broken collar bone and instructed David Childers to replace him	01:32:11	Instructor



	Grant Taylor instructed the Shiloh Eagle to double their defence againts the Richland Giants.	01:33:35	
	Grant Taylor instructed the Brock Kelley to do one more takedown to open an opportunity for the Shiloh Eagle to win the state championship.	01:37:05	
	Grant Taylor instructed David Childers to do a 51 yard distance kick to the goal to win the match. It was the last opportunity because they had only 2 seconds left before the game over.	01:38:00	
	Grant Taylor encourage his team to win the match even without Darren who scored 1/3 of their points.	00:05:55	Counselor
	Grant Taylor redirected Shiloh Eagle attention away from stress after losing from Dewey County	00:23:24	
	Grant Taylor gave encouragement and preaching to Shiloh Eagle.	00:41:28	
	Grant Taylor gave encouragement after the loss of Shiloh Eagle against Princeton Heights Panther.	01:10:22	
	Grant Taylor told Brock Kelley that easy to lead when he was strong, but that moment, when Brock Kelley was tired, was the most important moment; he had to hang on.	01:35:02	



	Grant Taylor shouted at Brock Kelley that they are the state champion	01:40:53	Counsilor
	Grant Taylor told David Childers not to let anyone underestimate him.	01:41:41	
	Grant Taylor told Zach Avery that nothing is impossible for God to make miracles.	01:42:10	
	Grant Taylor told Brock Kelley that his 'stone wall' stood still after being rammed by the Richland Giants and there is nothing impossible for God.	01:42:21	
	Grant Taylor preached that God could do anything He wishes for, however He wishes for. Grant Taylor hoped that that winning day would be a life lesson for the Shiloh Eagle players so that they will put their God before they do anything.	01:42:49	
	Grant Taylor provided David Childers an opportunity to perform a kick for the Shiloh Eagle and be one of the kickers in the team.	00:20:12	Facilitator
	Grant Taylor provided David Childers an opportunity to score a goal for Shiloh Eagle in their game against unknown team.	00:36:12	



	Grant Taylor asked Brock Kelley to piggy-back Jeremy blind-foldedly across the football field and brought a new insight for the whole new team, that if they give thier 100%, they will outperform their obstacles.	00:45:42	Motivator
	Grant Taylor motivated the Shiloh Eagle in their match against the Richland Giants. “As long as ge honor God, nothing is impossible.”	01:24:20	
	Grant Taylor motivated the losing Shiloh Eagle that they can outsmart the Richland Giants who had stronger and more players.	01:30:32	
	Grant Taylor motivated the Shiloh Eagle more after they made a touchdown against the Richland Giants.	01:31:33	
	Grant Taylor motivated the Shiloh Eagle to do their best since they are 20 – 14 behind the Richland Giants. He said “for the rest of your life you will remember today. I want you to remember that you held nothing back, you did not lose heart, you did not stop fighting, you did not quit!”	01:32:45	
	Grant Taylor told the Shiloh Eagles to give everything on the	01:35:23	Motivator.



	field. Only four more tackles to win the match.		
	Grant Taylor motivated David Childers that he can take the 51 yards kick.	01:39:06	

There are four criterions that Mr. Grant Taylor had shown through out the journey of the Shiloh Eagle until they won the GISA State Championship. According to the Indonesian Law No.20 2003, Mr. Grant Taylor had fulfilled his assignment as a proper educator who instructed, counseled, motivated, and facilitated the players of the Shiloh Eagle of Shiloh Christian Academy to grow and fulfill their dreams. Education brings maturity of personality and attitude thorough teachings and trainings. (Umi Chotimah, et.al, 2021). The players have all matured up through tough processes. They had grown from a group of player who were pessimistic to optimistic through the hand of Mr. Grant Taylor.

4. Conclusion

After analyzing the 2006 movie called “Facing the Giants”, and compared the movie to the Indonesian Law No. 20 year 2003 chapter 1 verse 6 and chapter 39 verse 2, researcher believes that the character of Mr. Grant Taylor had uphold the standard of how a teacher should be. In this particular case, a great mentor.

The researcher believes that Mr. Grant Taylor’s conduct is suitable to be placed as a role model to other teachers. He had proven to be able to motivate his team despite the series of setbacks and brought them to victory through relentless effort and motivation.

Mr. Grant Taylor had proven to fulfill a teacher’s criterion and a good role model of a teacher whom enable the students of Shiloh Christian Academy to grow, as our education founding father, Ki Hadjar Dewantara (1961:471) once said that education is an attempt to promote children to grow.

5. Suggestion



The movie “Facing the Giants” is a motivational movie as well as educative. It teaches viewers to rely on God for anything that happened in their lives. “Facing the Giants” also suitable for adolescents viewers who might suffering from rebellious phase as it teaches them that obeying parents equals to obeying God. Although “Facing the Giants” is deemed to be a Christian movie, anyone from any religious beliefs can learn something valuable from this movie, such as love, faith, family, and friendship.



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