

## ABSTRACT

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This final project is an analysis about the struggle of individual with Asperger syndrome. How they live and how they run their life in society with their extraordinary behavior and also how people treat them. The object of this study is a movie entitled *Mozart and the Whale* directed by Peter Naess. This movie tells us about two people with Asperger syndrome (a form of autism) run a small self-help group for people in the autistic spectrum. The purposes of this study are to describe what Asperger syndrome is, how they are run their life in society. This study focuses on the characteristic of Donald Morton as Asperger's syndrome sufferer, and the difficulties of Asperger's syndrome sufferer to get along with society.

In analyzing the data, I use descriptive qualitative research method in which the data were in the form of written words and they were analyzed descriptively. There were several steps in analyzing Asperger syndrome victim's unusual behavior and their effort to run their life and also society treatment toward them. Firstly, I watched the movie several times to understand the whole story. Secondly, I listed the data from the movie as well as the script based on their meaning which are related to the topics and the categorized them according to the objective of the study. The next step was interpreting the data to the theory related to the topic in order to clarify and analyze the meaning. Finally, I present the conclusion and suggestion.

This final project has two questions to be explore; those are : (1) What is personal characteristic of Asperger's syndrome sufferer represented by Donald Morton? (2) What are the difficulties of individual with Asperger's syndrome?

Finally, this study is expected to give additional knowledge to the readers about Asperger's syndrome that may be useful as an additional reference. Moreover, this study is also expected to improve knowledge on how describe characteristics of Asperger's syndrome sufferers and also their difficulties and its related topics because some people still have wrong perception about Asperger's syndrome sufferer.