



THE PORTRAYAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN SHERLOCK HOLMES MOVIES

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Abstract

Noticeably known as detective movies, Sherlock Holmes firmly weaved with the developing British private enterprise in the early 1800s through mystery he must solve. Therefore, the writer is interested to find the portrayal of Industrial Revolution Sherlock Holmes movies through this movie analysis.

This research used descriptive qualitative method typically library research with textual analysis since data of this research are in the form of sentences, dialogues and movie scenes. The primary data source is Sherlock Holmes movie 2009 and 2011. This research uses socio-historical approach by Vygotsky and historical description of Industrial Revolution by Mohajan.

The result of this research shows that Sherlock Holmes movies clearly portray Industrial Revolution era through three conditions; economic condition, as the main points of Industrial Revolution development; social condition, as the people's quality of life in Industrial Revolution; and political condition as the government formation during the huge development of economic in Industrial Revolution.

Keywords: Industrial revolution, movie analysis, Sherlock Holmes

INTRODUCTION

Detective films have been running long in film history. It begins with the introduction of novel adjustments that are made into motion pictures. For quite a long time, the Sherlock Holmes arrangement with its underlying story entitled "A Study in Scarlet" that was composed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in 1887 has been the most notable criminologist fiction in the 21st century. The arrangement has been world-broadly acclaimed and preferred over other wrongdoing authors, for example, Agatha Christie and Ellery Queen. As indicated by (Porter, 2012), to start with, Detective Holmes' accounts were not well known inside British society until quite a while later after its first production. Altogether, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle made his own arrangement comprising of 4 books and 56 short stories. With its rigid notoriety, Sherlock Holmes' prevalence has even outperformed that of his own work to date (Tobin, 2006).

Set in Britain, France, and Germany in 1891 during the rule of Queen Victoria, the film manages thick issues of opposing colonialism, free enterprise, and social class. Incredible Britain's industrialization apparently is on the crescendo and its relationship with other North West nations, for example, France and Germany that is put on a strain. It is additionally firmly weaved with the developing British private enterprise that flooded such tremendous extension of creation and financial foundation through over-collection (Stolze, 2005). In spite of the fact that for quite a long time these noteworthy variables have figured out how to place Britain as one of the most remarkable driving financial nations in the worldwide world, they have likewise sired such obstruction as it depends on the premises by Marx that colonialism and free enterprise are normally inclined to savagery, wrongdoing, and contest (Clark, 2012). Depending on these realities, the socio-social foundation of the period surely gives the lift to the nearness of noticeable modern paragons, for example, the anecdotal figure of Professor James Moriarty.

Considering the background constructed, the writer is interested to conduct deeper analysis on portrayal Industrial Revolution in Sherlock Holmes movie by using socio-historical approach and supported by historical context of Industrial Revolution. Based on Vygotsky in Oguz (2007) that socio-historical approach exists to expose

human mental processed that is formed through their essential relationship among their surroundings such as cultural, historical, and social instruction settings that processed at the same time. The context of socio-historical is the event happened in the past, and this socio-historical approach is useful as a tool to explore that historical event which cannot be separated from several aspects such as certain social group, nations, group of persons and environments based on Mohajan Setri & Setiawan (2020).

Industrial Revolution

Industrial revolution history began in the late of 18th century in which brings massive changing of social and economic aspects in England. There were many inventions in modern industrial era such as steel production, steam-powered railroads and other areas of economic activities (Mohajan, 2019). This industrial revolution increase productivity, division of labor and market transaction, and the development of buildings. Thus according to O'brien in Mohajan (2019) stated that industrial revolution called as industrial economy.

Further, still in term of economic aspects, people encouraged to have bank loan in order to expand their business and invest new machinery for their business. This industrial movement also enhanced the development of locomotive and build of railways as the revolutionizing of transport. The improvement of transportation is the most essential movement for human, animal and goods transport in different location. It is said that in the industrial revolution, European continent more stabilized with many cities develop with highly productive agriculture lands. People also had cheap communication and waterways transportation (Abramson & Boix, 2014).

In the relation to social life quality, this industrial revolution improved the standard of living of the rich at the bottom of social stratification (Mohajan, 2019). In the early industrial revolution, it is stated that landowners and aristocrats had occupied the top position in British society; however, as time goes by, the factory owner, merchants, and bankers became the top of British society compared with the landowner and the aristocrats. The living standards of merchants and factory owners were growing rapidly. They even often built luxurious dwelling houses in the suburban areas. This is the indication of increasing, the production of goods since they have improved the standard of living (Cenita & Nurmaily, 2020). People even had access to healthier diets and had access to enter better education. Interestingly, there is also an improvement in gender equality between men and women (Nababan, & Nurmaily (2021).

During the industrial revolution, women started to have access to competing jobs with men. Women were also more involved in politics, especially since they had the right to vote (Shabrina & Samanik, 2021). In regards to political institutions, the parliamentary played an important role as the plausible measure of institutional strength. Although in the historical conflict that parliament had experienced was suppressed by the absolutist monarchs (Abramson & Boix, 2014). During the significant period, British colonialism is at its heist for the nation's national establishment that dependent on the racialization framework, with they are rivaling other European races in overcoming the indigenous nations over the world (Cole, 2004). It is additionally firmly weaved with the developing British private enterprise that flooded such tremendous extension of creation and financial foundation through over-collection (Stolze, 2005).

Considerably more along these lines, the legitimation of British private enterprise thrived on three favorable viewpoints; they are (1) a common interrelation between a specific financial source and the state, (2) a stable political subjection that the Industrial Revolution drives, and (3) helpful business culture that energized the introduction of autonomous endeavors (Moran, 2008). In spite of the fact that for quite a long time these noteworthy variables have figured out how to place Britain as one of the most remarkable driving financial nations in the worldwide world, they have likewise sired such obstruction as it depends on the premises by Marx that colonialism and free enterprise are normally inclined to savagery, wrongdoing, and contest (Clark, 2012). Depending on these realities, the socio-social foundation of the period surely gives the lift to the nearness of noticeable modern paragons, for example, the anecdotal figure of Professor James Moriarty. He is a decent researcher in British society and an undertaking proprietor who is liable for a progression of strange bombings in London that starts an up and coming universal war. In this manner, this examination endeavors to respond to the figured inquiries at the same time: (1) How are the groupings and potential models introduced in the film, and (2) how every one of them comprises just as the rebel against the depicted British government, free enterprise, and social class predominance. With these to settle, the article significantly centers on issues that are very much interrelated in an analyst film.

METHOD

The writer uses qualitative research because according to Amelia & Dintasi (2017) the data by utterance, not numeric data. Qualitative research is an introduction to a study that includes the purpose and research questions (Suprayogi & Pranoto, 2020). This type of research is chosen because the data is one of a social phenomenon which uses by language usage. Qualitative research can also be described as an effective model that occurs in a natural setting that enables the researcher to develop a level of detail from being highly involved in the actual

experiences (Cresswel, 2010). Descriptive research only describes situations or events, this research does not seek or explain relationships, test hypotheses or make predictions (Habibah & Nurmaily, 2020). In this research, the writer used the design of the descriptive method which a method that describes and interprets the objects with reality (Mahendra & Amelia, 2020). In the qualitative method, the writer will do the data collecting technique according to Rido (2015) by watching the movie (i), take a note (ii), and selects the data (iii). The writer takes the data from the movie "Sherlock Holmes" that was created in the United Kingdom which distributor by Warner Bros Pictures. There will be some movies that would be analyzing. The first one is "Sherlock Holmes (2009)" the second one is "Sherlock Holmes: A game of Shadows (2011)". In this research, the writer is interested in the Representation of Industrial Revolution in the movie. Since this research is qualitative research the data collected is not in the form of numbers (Afrianto, 2018). Thus, the data will be analyzed through dialogue, pictures, and scenes (Istiani & Puspita, 2020). It is also stated by Kardiansyah (2016) that the data in qualitative research are texts including narrations and dialogues. In this research, dialogue and narration are collected through movie script. The script is useful to facilitate the researcher in collecting the data (Pranoto & Afrilita, 2018). The data will be synthesized with the theory to find and define the pattern, and to define significant points (Samanik & Lianasari, 2016).

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

After obtaining and explaining the data found in the previous chapter, the writer draws conclusion that Sherlock Holmes movie 2009 and 2011 clearly portrays Industrial Revolution in three aspects; economic condition, social condition, and political condition.

Economic Condition

In the chapter two, economic condition of Industrial Revolution defined as a massive movement of production and industrial development (Mohajan, 2019). It is marked by the revolutionizing of transportation, both in watery transportation and non-watery transportation. This development of economic development is perfectly portrayed through movie scene in the minutes 00.22.54 as follow:

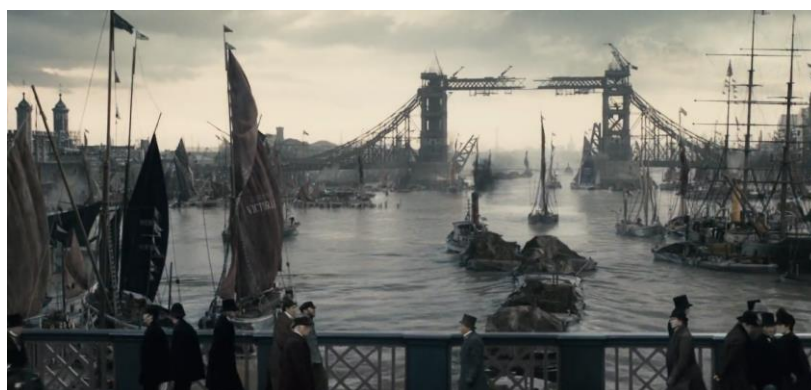


Figure 4.1 Economic condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

The data above it is seen that society in Industrial Revolution is surrounded by the developments of watery transportation. Many ships are seen to carry goods and some are used to carry human. Besides, from the scene above it could be seen that there is a bridge under construction that surely to support non-watery transportation. From this scene it could be understood that Sherlock Holmes movie clearly portrays the massive development of transportation that is correlated to develop business. It is in line with the statement from Mohajan (2009) that the improvement of transportation is the most essential movement for human, animal and goods transport in different location.

Besides that, in Sherlock Holmes movie also portrays the different type of ships that carry goods and carry people especially for far distance as seen in the minutes of 00.51.38



Figure 4.3 Economic condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2011)

The data above indicates that in Industrial Revolution, people made steady quality of transportation development since people had differentiated the type and the use of ships properly.

Meanwhile, in the non-watery transportation, Sherlock Holmes movie portrays the development and use of train as the transportation mode for long distance. As it is scene in the minutes of 01.26.13:

Will the train be departing on time?

The train's been delayed, madam.

Shouldn't be long now though. (Sherlock Homes movie script, 2009)

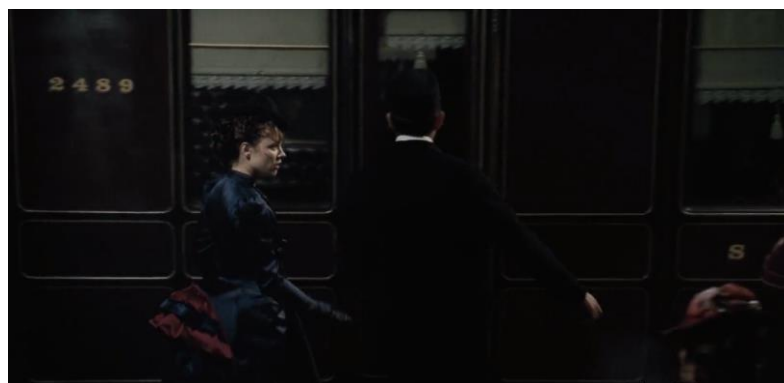


Figure 4.3 Economic condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

Based on the data found above, the words “**Will the train be departing on time?**” are indicating that people in Industrial Revolution has been familiar with the use of train to carry them in certain locations at that time. This is in line with the historical context of Industrial Revolution that there was enhancement of locomotive development and build of railways as the revolutionizing of transport (Mohajan, 2009). Besides, it could be indicated that the development of transportation in Industrial Revolution that portrayed in the movie is seem to have proper time arrangement as the indication of steady transportation development, as it is indicated through the words “**The train's been delayed, madam. Shouldn't be long now though**”.

Social Condition

As economic growth rapidly in Industrial Revolution, it helps the society upgraded their life quality. They had better chance to pursue education and many job provided during the era. Although people in Industrial Revolution were familiar as industrial worker, however, there were also chances people to work with better job. In this context, the writer find a data that shows people in Industrial Revolution pursue better education for better job. It is found in the minutes 00.10.54:

What have you done to Gladstone now?

I was simply testing a new anesthetic. He does not mind.

Holmes, as your doctor... (Sherlock Homes movie script, 2009)

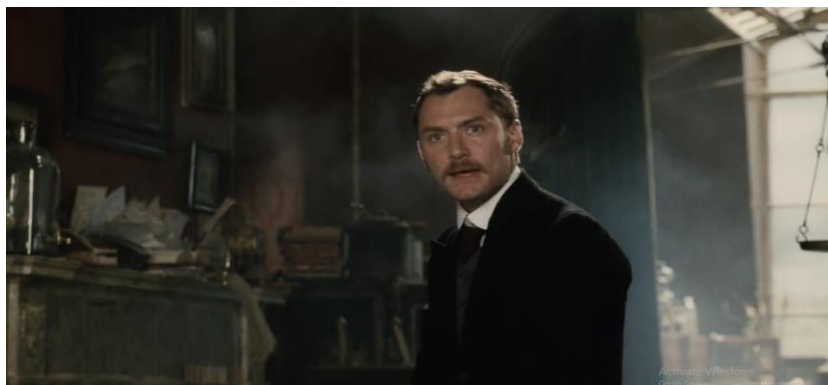


Figure 4.15 Social condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

The data above, it is portrayed Watson character, Holmes' best friend, work as a doctor. It indicates that in Industrial Revolution there was upgrading of education so that people quality life was also increasing. It is in line with Reeves (2016) that Industrial Revolution could be marked as the mechanical advanced that changed people manner, in which, British society experience better in social and educational field, those started to reflect headways influencing the country. Watson education background in this movie portrays the new overarching education per users there holding up in numbers who were equipped for valuing the logical technique, the strategy that was Holmes' incredible commitment to the matter of the identification of wrongdoing (Reeves, 2016).

Besides education, people in Industrial Revolution also had better access for food and diets. This social condition is portrayed in the minutes 00.11.34 when the scene showing fancy dinner and some show the same scenes:



Figure 4.16 Social condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

From the scene above, it quite portrays that in Industrial Revolution successfully brought prosperity for people that could change social life style at that time in the context of foods. However, in this movie only the portrayal of high social society that is portrayed, meanwhile, based on the history that there was social inequality, is less told in this movie.

Interestingly, started in Industrial Revolution, gender equality was started to bloom. It is seen in the data minutes 00.13.51 that portrays Watson's fiancé that worked as a teacher:

You are a governess.

Well done.

Your student it's a boy of eight.

Charlie is seven, actually.

Which you have experienced many times, which is why the lady for whom you work lent you that necklace. Pearls, diamonds, flawless ruby, hardly the gems of a governess.
(Sherlock Homes movie script, 2009)



Figure 4.17 Social condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

The data above shows that women in Industrial Revolution had the same chance to pursue better education and had better job as it is portrayed through Mary character who works as a private teacher. In which to be a private teacher it needs education studies. Moreover, it is supported by the words **“Which you have experienced many times, which is why the lady for whom you work lent you that necklace.”**, which this dialogue explained that teacher job becomes one of important job that is valuable. It is because society in Industrial Revolution needs to improve their life quality, in which one of the ways by pursuing better education.

Political Condition

In this movie, the political condition of political condition is not mainly shown up. It is because, this movie is emphasizing on how economic condition in Industrial Revolution becomes the main point of movement. In correlation with that condition, the writer finds that Europe especially Britain as the background of place has political condition which owned by the British parliament, in which both economic and political regulation is hold by the aristocrats who sit on the parliamentary chairs. Therefore, it could be said only people who owned land and property who had chance to be parliament and had right to vote, thus, they had big influence in economic condition.

In the minutes of 01.49.25, it is seen that most of parliament members in the movie are portrayed through old men members. In this context, it could be concluded that old men has more prosperity than young men:



Figure 4.21 Economic condition: Sherlock Holmes movie (2009)

From the data above, it could be seen that rarely young men sit in parliamentary. It probably has correlation that most of young men still struggling for their economic condition that mostly they work at the factory industries instead of having political position. Even in the context of history, it is known that only rich people who had right to vote in the election.

Furthermore, because of this condition, in this movie it is portrayed that parliament members become the target of people anger who especially people who want to take over the economic power. It is because, parliament in Industrial Revolution only took a side to certain property owner, did not support the economic condition as a whole. It is seen through dialogue minutes 01.39.35 when Moriarty character plans to slaughter Europe parliament members who indirectly will influence his economic goals:

Now we're all present I can tell you that the targets are the. German chancellor and his ambassador the French prime minister and his man. And the other nations are really working

out which side to take should hostilities erupt. Prince Michael, a cousin of the czar, and the Russian ambassador. The Archduke Karl Ludwig and the Austro-Hungarian ambassador. The Romanian Prime Minister and his ambassador. And of course our prime minister and the British ambassador. He'll choose a moment when the dignitaries are assembled. (Sherlock Homes movie script, 2011)

From the dialogue above, the words **“And the other nations are really working out which side to take should hostilities erupt.”** indicate that political country hardly sided with the most profitable party. However, since Moriarty realize that none of member parliament supports his business. Therefore, he intends to run illegal way to increase his production of guns and weapons by making a war among the nations through assembling the parliament members that could trigger misconception and confusion as it is indicated through the words **“He'll choose a moment when the dignitaries are assembled.”**

CONCLUSION

After obtaining and explaining the data found in the previous chapter, the writer draws conclusion that Sherlock Holmes movie 2009 and 2011 clearly portrays Industrial Revolution in three aspects; economic condition, social condition, and political condition. Since Industrial Revolution is about economic movement, thus, economic condition is the most emphasized portrayal in the movie through the portrayal of transportation development. There is watery transportation such as ship and also there is huge development of railway used for train. In the economic condition, there is also the portrayal of people job as coal industrial workers. Economic development also encourages the invention of communication tool such as telegraph.

Still related with economic development, it triggers Europe society to improve their social life quality. People tend to enter better education for better job such as doctor and teacher. They also have better access of food. Jump in to the political condition; it is found that Sherlock Holmes movie portrays parliament's siding with businessmen who probably have more beneficiaries for them. Meanwhile, the parliament members are mostly filled by an old men rather than young men.

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