

## ABSTRACT

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Research on personality traits was a broad and rich field within psychology that seeks to understand the patterns of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors that make individuals unique. The study of Personality has been thrived in recent centuries. Personality Traits study in a movie was an interesting way to developed and identify some character in movies. This research aimed to investigate the kind of characters and personality of the main characters presented in the movie Avatar: The Way of Water through Paul Costa and Robert McCrae (1992) theory. This research used qualitative research by Cresswell and Poth (2017). Sentences and dialogues as instruments of the research on the fourth main characters in Avatar: The Way of Water movie. This research showed that Jake Sully was classified as Neuroticism, which includes characteristics such as emotional stability, calm, and self-control. Neytiri is classified as Agreeableness because agreeable due to her benevolence; she is kind, loves and cares, and is sympathetic. She is also classified as Neuroticism due to her bravery and calm traits. Lo'ak is classified as open to Experience and Neuroticism because he can't control his anger, and he is sensitive. He is also Agreeableness because he wants to help others; he is kind and has sympathy. Quaritch is classified as Extraversion, Conscientiousness, and Openness to Experience. The characteristics of Jake Sully, Neytiri, Lo'ak, and Quaritch are demonstrated through appearance, dialogue, internal and external action, and the reactions of other characters. The main character employs Costa and McCrae's Big Five theory of personality traits: a simple understanding of other people, knowing someone by nature, and reacting to adapt to the surroundings.

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