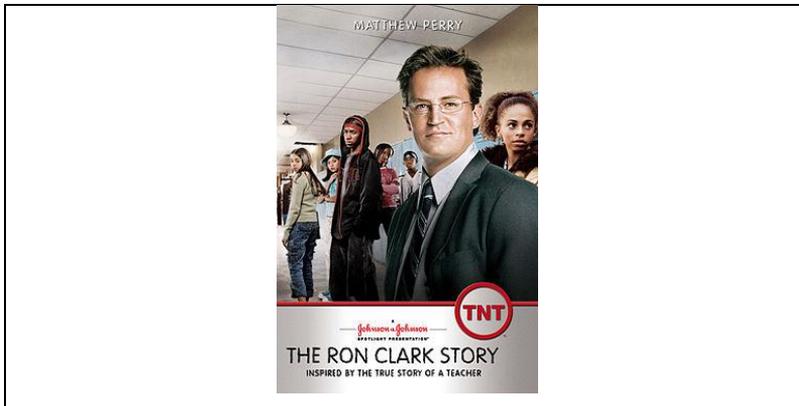


CHAPTER III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RON CLARK STORY FILM

A. The Film Profile

The Story of Ron Clark (SRC) or know as The Triumph is an educational film that is adapted from a real-life educator Ron Clark. The film was premiered on TNT on Sunday, August 13th 2006. The film was directed by Randa Haines.¹ The film gains many attentions and nominated in some movie awards such as Best performance actor from Golen Globes USA (2007), Best TV/Movie Drama from Family Film Awards (2006), Best Family Television Movie or Special from Young Atist Award (2006) and many more.



¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ron_Clark_Story accessed on October 3th, 2015 at 14.30

Title	The Ron Clark Story
Written by	Annie deYoung Max Enscoe
Directed by	Randa Haines
Theme music composer	Mark Adler
Country of origin	United States
Original language(s)	English
Producer	Jody Brockway, etc
Editor	Heather Persons
Cinematography	Derick Underschultz
Running time	96 minutes
Original channel	TNT
Original release	August 13, 2006
Starrings	Matthew Perry
	Hannah Hodson
	Brandon M.Smith
	Micah Stephen Williams
	Melissa De Sousa
	Ernie Hudson
	Patricia Idlette

B. The Biography of Ron Clark

Ron Clark is well known as America's Educator. He is the 2000 Disney American Teacher of the year award, a best-selling author

based on The New York Times. And he also featured in some television programs like The Today Show, CNN and Oprah. His inspiring teaching story filmed in 2006 entitled The Story of Ron Clark.²

The founder of Ron Clark Academy was born on 1972 under the name Ron L. Clark, Jr. Clark finished his education at East California University through the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program. Before starting to teaching he travels in many places. Then he starts teaching at a school in his origin, replacing the teacher who has been passed away.

According to an interview in Oprah Winfrey show, Clark states that teaching is not his desire. He wanted a life which full of adventures, that is why he decided to travels right after his graduation. Five years later he saw a program about a school in Harlem. A school which had low test-score because the school can not attract good teacher.³ That is how he starts to be a teacher. Beside teaching, Clark also a book writer. He has written three books concerning on education, that is: The Essential 55, The Excellent 11 and a must read book for teacher and parent: The End of Molasses Classes which become New York Best seller book.

In 2006, Ron Clark founded The Ron Clark Academy, a model school with a vision to transform classrooms around the world by

²http://premierespeakers.com/ron_clark/bio accessed on October 3th 2015 at 14.35

³<http://www.oprah.com/spirit/Phenomenal-Man-Ron-Clark> accessed on October 3th 2015 at 20.46

demonstrating transformative methods and techniques that are embraced and replicated everywhere.⁴ This academy has welcomed nearly 15.000 educators from all around the world.

C. Synopsis of The Film

The story begins with Clark leaving his small hometown in North Carolina, hoping that he can also make a big teaching in the big city. Carrying high hope and big dreams, Clark embraced the busy live in the city, working as a waiter for a restaurant at a part time job. He was able to land in Harlem public school despite discouragements from friends and colleagues. Thinking that he is too weak and too nice for the 6th grades students who belong to the bottom group of the graduating student's reluctant that Clark can make it. He was given the task of improving the class score and passed the state examination.

Clark endures the rudeness of the class on the 1st time and suffers even worst as the day passed but Clark never gives up on them. Instead, he tries to know his students better by visiting them at their time. One of them was Shemeika Wallace, a 12 year old girl while helping to raise his brother and sisters. She lives at home with her mother, who works two jobs and she has to take care of her little brothers, so she can't do her homework and can't be a kid. To cover her feelings about not being able to do anything, she just pretends she doesn't want to work and doesn't want to do anything at school.

⁴ www.ronclarkacademy.com accessed on Novemeber 5th 2015 at 10.34 pm

Julio Vasques who is juvenile delinquent and Tayshawn who has a penchant for graffiti. With that, he sees the reasons why the students acted the way, they didn't get much attention and importance from their family. Since then, He treats his students as his family and works beyond and above his profession, to reach out to them. He created distinctive rules in his classroom and uses contemporary teaching methods and techniques suited for his students. He tries to renovate the classroom and make it more feasible for his students to learn. He gives incentives to them and makes them feel that they can trust him. But despite all these efforts, the students have not appreciated a single act from him. That is the time that he almost gives up.

Despite having disheartened spirit, Ron Clark still believes in the ability and flair of the students in his class. He has in his mind the thought that the kids can do more than mind what he is asking them to do. With that in mind, he tried to recharge and revive his strength by exploring New York city with a friend and go back to school with a rejuvenated purpose of helping his students dream big and make it real. Students think that Ron Clark will not show up again just like their previous teacher. Much to their surprised, Clark comes back with better and brighter ideas on how he can "fit in" he tries to build rapport by playing with them and teaching them on his spare time. He gave exciting challenges to promote silence and good study habits.

He applies different teaching strategies and thing of how the kind best acquire learning. He intensified his intensive scheme and

make sure that kids work are appreciated. He even tries to do choose for his students just to make surer that they will do their homework.

Some parents get mad at him, assuming that the is already meddling with the private interest, but he always address the need of these kids to have time to study to achieve their highest potentials. With all these and more, he gradually sees the academic improvement of the class and the changes in their behaviour are tremendously notice. Clark constantly the importance of having big dreams and making them come true which inspire the students do their best to pass the state exam. He always does the extra mile in teaching them and spends almost all of his time educating the students. His health suffers from pneumonia but that does not stop him from reviewing the students for the exam. He has recorded instructional videos for them to watch. After the state exam, Ron Clark organizes a small party for a job well done and to honour outstanding students.

The principle arrives that with the good news, it was the result of the state exam. Everyone was amazed with how the class performed, Ron Clark's class turned out to be the best performing class in the school, they even out do the honour class. One remarkable result was one of the students; Shameika Wallace got a perfect score, which no one of the district ever does. Ron Clark was delighted and ecstatic, seeing his students going one step closer to their dream.

D. Characters and Characterizations

1. Ron Clark

Ron Clark is the main character in the movie. He is an incredible character and amazing teacher. He is so creative that he worked hard with his students and got the respect and attention of students who had never paid attention in school before.

2. Marissa Vega

Marissa Vega is a woman who always supports Ron Clark, she works in a restaurant where Clark works in his spare time. When Clark wants to give up and quit teaching, she is the one that doesn't let him quit.

3. Principal Turner

The head master in Harlem elementary school New York. He is the one that meets Clark who is finding job to teach in his school. Mr. Turner didn't believe that Clark will be able to handle the students. But at the end, he give his trust on Clark.

4. Shameika Wallace

A smart little girl at Clark's class. Same as the other students, she is also a hard person. She lives at home with her mother and she has to take care of her little brothers so she can't do her homework. She always pretends she doesn't want to do her homework and does nothing at school.

5. Tayshawn

He is the worst of all the students. He has no father, lives in a foster home. he has never build any social skill and the result is he has no friends and always be bullied at the classroom.

6. Julio Vasques

He is another trouble maker in Clark's class. Julio is a student who is trying to con his way into getting good grades or getting money. But the worst is finds very difficult in math.

7. Doretha Wallace

Doretha is Shamaika's mother, she is single parent with three children. She always ask Shameika to help her taking care of the little sister when mother works. Doretha doesn't pay attention about Shameika's school.