

INTELLIGENCE QUALITY IN VERONICA ROTH'S *ALLEGIANT*

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Abstract : This study aims to determine the intelligence quality revealed in Veronica Roth's *Allegiant*. The author conducted this study using qualitative research based on Lincoln, and the data collection used two ways: Primary sources and secondary sources. The primary data collection was from the novel, and secondary data collection used references from articles, journals, books, and the internet. In analyzing the data, the author used a reader-response approach based on Cagri Tugrul Mart. The results of this study showed that Tris, the main character, used her intelligence qualities against the leader of the city of Chicago, Evelyn, and the leader of the Genetic Welfare Bureau, David. When Evelyn became the new city leader, the people expected her could stop the disputes between factions. However, Evelyn used her power for other purposes. Tris felt she had to do something to stop Evelyn from her act of cruelty that ruled over the city by unilateral decisions. In the end, they successfully stopped David and saved the city of Chicago.

Keywords : *Allegiant, Intelligence quality, Reader-Response Approach.*

Abstract : Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui kualitas kecerdasan yang terungkap dalam *Allegiant* karya Veronica Roth. Penulis melakukan penelitian ini dengan menggunakan penelitian kualitatif berbasis Lincoln, dan pengumpulan data menggunakan dua cara: Sumber primer dan sumber sekunder. Pengumpulan data primer berasal dari novel, dan pengumpulan data sekunder menggunakan referensi dari artikel, jurnal, buku, dan internet. Dalam menganalisis data, penulis menggunakan pendekatan respon pembaca berbasis Cagri Tugrul Mart. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa Tris, karakter utama, menggunakan kualitas kecerdasannya terhadap pemimpin kota Chicago, Evelyn, dan pemimpin Biro Kesejahteraan Genetika, David. Ketika Evelyn menjadi pemimpin kota baru, orang-orang berharap dia bisa menghentikan perselisihan antar faksi. Namun, Evelyn menggunakan kekuatannya untuk tujuan lain. Tris merasa dia harus melakukan sesuatu untuk menghentikan Evelyn dari tindakan kekejamannya yang memerintah kota dengan keputusan sepihak. Pada akhirnya, mereka berhasil menghentikan David dan menyelamatkan kota Chicago.

Keywords : *Allegiant, Kualitas kecerdasan, Pendekatan Pembaca-Respon.*

INTRODUCTION

In this world, there are so many things that can describe the true nature of humans. As we know, man exists in the image and likeness of the Creator, and the man himself is the most perfect of all existing creations. The traits that exist in humans are loyalty, love, greed, intelligence, and et cetera. These qualities make humans different from other creatures, as humans can distinguish what is good and what is not, and all of these are gifts or blessings from the Creator.

One of the most fundamental things that become apparent from human nature is intelligence. The Creator gives humans the intelligence to think when doing an activity or action. Humans, in general, will think thoroughly before taking action, whether it is good or not. Keating argues that those who believe in the use of the concept of intelligence adhere to a belief that "It is a thing that exists in the head of a person." (p.2). And according to Sternberg:

Is certainly highly inclusive in the sense that it includes within the realm of intelligence characteristics that typically might be placed in the realms of personality or motivation. For example, motivational phenomena relevant to the purpose of adaptive behaviour - such as motivation to perform well in one's career - would be considered part of one's intelligence broadly defined. (p.55).

Thus, intelligence is essentially the human's ability to think, and it is used by digesting all the existing information before taking action or doing an activity. There are so many things that humans can do by using intelligence, such as building technology that can be useful in humans' daily life or can also be used for specific purposes, in this case, for bad ones.

Intelligence can be assessed by how the quality of achievements. In general, the quality fundamentally showed the assessment of a person's works and her nature. According to Smith, "*quality is the goodness or excellence of any product, process, structure or other things that an*

organization consists of or creates. It is assessed against accepted standards of merit for such things and against the interests/needs of producers, consumers, and other stakeholders" (p.8).

So, quality is the advantage or disadvantage of any product, work, or action of a person. It also can be used in every field of work, such as industry, offices, and community services.

Intelligence quality talks about how well a person's intelligence is. Intelligence can apply to many contexts, such as intelligence in strategy and intelligence in survival. Their quality can be assessed by how well the performance and the achievements gained.

The novel *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth tells about the continuation of the struggle of the people of Chicago who want to feel freedom from the oppressive actions of a group led by Evelyn Johnson. In the previous series, *Insurgent*, a non-faction group led by Tris Prior, succeeded in thwarting the evil plans of Jeanine Matthews, the leader of the Erudite group and the leader of the city of Chicago. When Tris Prior and her friends ended the reign of Jeanine Matthews, Evelyn Johnson then rose as a new leader since she controlled most of the people in the city of Chicago. Having known that Evelyn had the ambition to rule the city of Chicago by using violence, Tris decided to go out of the city to find out the mastermind behind the factional disputes. Knowing this, Evelyn ordered her men to chase and capture them all, but in the end, her men failed. On their way out, they met a woman named Zoe, and her friend Amar, a former trainer of Tobias, then were brought to the head of the Genetic Welfare Bureau named David. David himself had a plan to erase the memories of all the people in Chicago city and reorganize their lives according to their own accord. Tris, who had learned of David's plan, tried to thwart it by trying to enter the Bureau to get the memory-erasing serum. As Maru stated, "the content of literature was assumed to bring and improve moral values and could endanger the morality of people." (p.86-87). Veronica Roth's *Allegiant* novel contains many moral

values that can be applied to everyday life. Roth believes that this novel is worth discussing to take the moral values in it.

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

Based on the type of analysis data, this study applies qualitative research. The data was analyzed by explaining descriptively. According to Bogdan and Biklen, "qualitative research is descriptive research. The data are collected in the form of words or pictures rather than numbers."(p.28). Moreover, as Sabudu stated, "the data are only in the form of words as well as quotation which is taken from the sources."(p.27).

This research applies library research. It was conducted through reading and studying some books concerned about the topic of the problems. The data obtained were based on words or quotes.

Data Collection

Two data sources are needed to conduct this research. They are primary data sources and secondary data sources. According to Griffith, "two kinds of evidence are relevant for literature essays: evidence for primary sources are the work of literature themselves and secondary consist of fact or opinion outside the work itself." (p.32).

The primary data in this research is the novel *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth. The secondary data are some books, theories, journal articles, internet sources, and other references that support this article.

Data Analysis

The reader-response approach was used in this study, as according to Mart, "Reader-response approach, which argues that in the act of reading the role of the reader, is undoubtedly to make conclusions in their literary interpretation." (p.79). The reader-response approach is also related to the role of who reads a literary work as Carlisle said, "Emphasizes the creative role of the reader." (p.12). He argued that the

importance of the active and communicative nature of the reader, which is the same as the aims and practice of reader-response theory in contemporary teaching of ELT (English Language Teaching).

As Trisnawati said, "The procedure involves the following terms, namely the reader, the reading process, and the response to mark an area of investigation of a literary work. It means that placing the reader as the focus of analysis must involve their response to the literary work after they have passed the reading process on the work of the literature. Because the response given by the reader is seen as a product of a new creation of the text he reads which can later become the interpretation of the single text". (p.7).

The stages in the reader-response approach to finding data are that the writer must first read a literary work such as novels, poems, short stories, and other literary works. The second stage is that the writer must focus on the interpretation, including the theme, storyline, and background. As explained by Trisnawati, the response or an interpretation of a reader is very important to support the reader-response approach in finding data for a study.

This study focuses on the opinions or interpretations of readers who have read Veronica Roth's novel *Allegiant*. Other supporting data are published articles and scientific journals.

DATA ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Intelligence

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Intelligence is the ability of human thinking that is in the human brain. It is for digesting all the existing information before

someone takes action or performs an activity. There are so many things that humans can do by using intelligence, such as building technology that can be useful in everyday human life or for particular purposes, in this case, the bad ones. There are several forms of intelligence itself, such as intelligence in survival and intelligence in strategy.

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Intelligence in Strategy

Strategy is a thought or idea of someone to plan something that aims to achieve a particular goal. As Schelling said, "strategy is not concerned with the efficient application of force but with the exploitation of potential power." (p.5).

Veronica Roth's novel *Allegiant* tells the story of Tris as the main character who struggles against Evelyn Johnson as the leader of the city of Chicago and David as the leader of the Genetic Welfare Bureau.

1. Strategy for Organizing the Rebellion Group

Tris, the main character, with Christina, Uriah, and Zeke, gathered in one of the buildings in the city of Chicago to discuss the strategy to stop Evelyn from using her power, which according to her, had significantly harmed the citizens.

They also talked about the video that Tris found, which said that they had to get out of town to solve the genetic problem of the faction that had wreaked havoc. Uriah, Christina, and Zeke asked about what would await them out there if they decided to leave the city, but not Tris. Tris, who was fed up with the rules of the faction system, felt that she had to get out of the city to find out the truth "it doesn't matter what's out there, we have to see it for ourselves. And then we'll deal with it once we have". (p.45). Having listened to what Tris said, Uriah, Christina, and Zeke finally agreed to follow her. Tris, who has made up her mind, is willing to take a big risk to stop the chaos in their city and find out the truth about the faction system.

The next day, Tris got the news that all the people had gathered in front of the Erudite headquarters to listen to the new rules introduced by Evelyn. It stated that city residents were not allowed to do any activities after eight o'clock at night or from leaving the city. Evelyn also added that every citizen must contribute to building their city, which had been devastated. She also promised to solve every problem in the city. She did it to cover up her real plan so that the people would not suspect her. Tris, who already knew the true nature of Evelyn, was not taken for granted by the

sweet words Evelyn said. The next day, she met Christina and Uriah to talk about the rebel group that calls themselves the Allegiant. They heard that the Allegiant group disapproved of Evelyn becoming the leader, and they intended to fight her. Knowing that the Allegiant group has the same goals, Tris told Uriah and Christina that she intended to join the group. Tris knew that they could not bear to fight Evelyn with their strength and to get out of the city, given that Evelyn had large followers and resources at her disposal to defeat them. She told Uriah and Christina that she no longer wanted to sit still in the increasingly out-of-control chaos in the city. "It's going to be impossible to get out of the city without someone's help, and I'm not just going to stay here, learning how to drive buses and going to bed when I'm told to." (p.54).

Tris, who loves her friends, asked Uriah and Christina that they did not need to follow her decision, considering how dangerous it would be. After listening to what Tris said, Uriah and Christina became worried. But Tris convinced them that she had to do it. "You don't have to come, but I need to get out of here. I need to know who Edith Prior was, and who's waiting for us outside the fence, if anyone. I don't know why, but I need to." (p.54). Tris was very curious about the real identity of Edith Prior, whom she watched in the video and would be waiting for them outside the city later. Despair echoed in her words. She did not know how it came, but she knew that she had to prove her words. They were silent for a moment in their thoughts. In silence, Uriah and Christina told Tris that they also had the same desire as her. Hearing what Uriah and Christina said, Tris was happy.

2. Strategy to Add Allies

Supplied with the information Tris had, they set out to find the whereabouts of the Allegiant group. On their way out, they ran into a problem that was Evelyn's men had guarded the entire city. But they enthusiastically continued their journey to find the Allegiant group. In the end, they arrived at Allegiant's base, and many rebels had gathered at that place. Cara and

Johanna, the leaders of the Allegiant group, started the meeting. During the meeting, they discussed the strategy to overthrow Evelyn and get out of the city. Cara said that she would be in charge of strategy implementation of getting people out, and Johanna would deal with overthrowing Evelyn. She also chose the people who would accompany her to do it.

Not many of us will be able to go, because a crowd that large would draw too much attention. Evelyn won't let us leave without a fight, so I thought it would be best recruit people who I know to be experienced with surviving danger. Christina, Tris, Tobias, Tori, Zeke, and Peter are my selections. (p.62).

The reason for choosing Christina, Tris, Tobias, Tori, Zeke, and Peter in this mission was that she had witnessed their high survivability. Tris was relieved by Cara's choice because she chose the people she had fought with, except for Peter. In Tris' eyes, Peter was just a nuisance between them, considering that Peter had betrayed Tris. But Tris also could not just ignore the help Peter had given her. Thanks to Peter, Tris was able to survive the pursuit of the Erudite group. Tris chose to work with Peter because she and her friends had no other choice, and she also remembered that they had to get out of the city immediately.

As chosen members to get out of the city, Tris, Christina, Tobias, Tori, Zeke, and Peter also think about how they can do it safely and without Evelyn's notice. There was one thing that bothered Tris, which she was thinking about the train in downtown Chicago. She wanted them out of the city on the train, but she did not know who could operate the train among them. Tris also said to Cara, "which means you should get someone to operate the trains." (p.63). Tris advised Cara that the fastest way to get out of the city without Evelyn knowing is to take the train. According to Cara, Tris' advice is brilliant and worth trying. Cara asked Tris the right time for them to do it, and Tris answered 'tonight' was the right time because the sooner they executed the strategy, the sooner they would get out.

3. Strategy for Infiltration the Enemy's Headquarters

After Tris and her friends made it out of the city, they started looking for a person in the video, the person Edith Prior referred. Not long after, they met Tobias's former teacher, Amar, who was presumed dead, and Amar's friend, Zoe. Amar and Zoe said that they worked for the group that built the city and the faction system, and the name of the group was the Genetic Welfare Bureau. Tris and her group followed Amar and Zoe to the group's base. Upon arrival at the headquarters of the Genetic Welfare Bureau, the group leader named David welcomed them. David instructed Amar and Zoe to take Tris's friends to their rooms, considering they had come a long way to get to the base. She was curious about her friends were only brought. David explains that the reason was, he wanted to tell Tris the meaning of the word "Divergent" and the true purpose of the Genetic Welfare Bureau. Finally, all of the questions in Tris' mind, answered through what David explained. David also told Tris that they would erase all memories of the people in Chicago city by releasing the memory serum. The Bureau deems that the people are out of control. Tris, who did not accept the purpose of the Bureau, feels she has to stop the Bureau from doing it. Finally, Tris went out of David's room to find Tobias and Cara to tell them both about the purpose of the Bureau, "The council has made plans. Big ones." (p.380). Listening to everything Tris said, Tobias and Cara disagreed with what the Bureau would do. They believe that the Bureau does not have the right to make choices in the lives of city residents just like that. Tris also said, if they dealt with people who had goals for public prosperity and peace and not only for genetic defects, it would be a different story.

A strong desire to stop the Bureau made Tris come up with a strategy to thwart their plans. She told Tobias and Cara that she planned to take the memory serum from the hands of the Bureau and release it on themselves, "Alan and Matthew came up with a way to make the serums behave like viruses, so they could spread through an entire population without injecting everyone. That's how they're planning to

reset the experiments. But we could reset them." (p.382). Tobias and Cara agreed on Tris' strategy, which is to steal the memory serum from the hands of the Bureau, but Tobias thinks that by stealing it, they could run into another problem with the Bureau. Tobias told Tris that it would be a big disaster if they did not manage to steal it because they would be severely punished and possibly killed.

Tris explained in detail her strategy to Tobias and Cara. She would reset the memories of the Bureau and program their memories with the fact that there were no faulty genes or pure genes like Divergent. She said, if this strategy works, then the Bureau will not pose a threat to the people of Chicago, and the danger will be gone forever. "Reset the Bureau, and program them without the propaganda, without the disdain for GDs. Then they'll never risk the memories of the people in the experiments again. The danger will be gone forever." (p.383). Raised her brow, Cara told Tris that erasing their memories would make them useless because they would forget everything, even tying their shoelaces. Tris explained to Cara that she only aimed to erase the Bureau's memory of genetic propaganda and not their entire memory. She would ask Matthew as the scientist at the Bureau, who was involved in making the serum.

Tris, Christina, Cara, Tobias, Peter, Matthew, along her little brother Caleb devise a strategy to steal the memory serum from the hands of the Bureau. They intend to break into the laboratory, where the memory serum is stored, using a high-explosive bomb to destroy the door of the laboratory room. Matthew tells Tris that David had put the death serum in the room, considering that someone had tried to steal the memory serum. The situation in Chicago is getting more heated because the Allegiant group has started an attack on Evelyn. Evelyn, who could not defend it, plans to use the death serum to fight the rebel group. Knowing this plan, Tobias tells Tris that if he cannot accompany her to attack the laboratory, he wants to go to the city to stop Evelyn. Tris, Cara, Caleb, and Matthew headed to the Bureau's Laboratory to steal the memory serum, and Tobias, Christina, and Peter to town to stop Evelyn

from her plans. When Tris and her group entered the laboratory, they accidentally triggered an alarm in the room and sent David's men after them. In confusion, Tris told Matthew and Caleb to separate. She also told Caleb to leave the bag he was holding. It contains the bomb they plan to install in the room where the memory serum is stored, "I'm good at fighting off serums. There's a chance I'll survive. There's no chance you would survive. Give me the backpack, or I'll shoot you in the leg and take it from you." (p.455). Tris pretends to tell Caleb that she will survive the death serum since she has experience with it. Tris intends to sacrifice herself to stop the Bureau. She forced him to hand over the bomb. Tris asks Caleb for help telling Tobias that she does not want to part this way, and she also tells Caleb that she loves Caleb very much as her little brother.

Intelligence in Survival

In a situation of urgency that threatens the life of an individual or a group, usually, humans will think of ways to survive to deal with these problems. From there, the role of intelligence is needed in solving these problems. As Cairns said, "Intelligence is defined as a general mental capability that involves the ability to reason, plan, solve problems, think abstractly, comprehend ideas and language, and learn." (p.52).

Veronica Roth's novel *Allegiant* tells the story of Tris as the main character who must fight Evelyn as the leader of the city of Chicago and David as the leader of the Genetic Welfare Bureau in order to save herself and for survival of the people of the city of Chicago.

1. Survive from the Attack of Evelyn's Troops

Tris, the main character, was suspected of being a traitor by Evelyn, a leader of the city of Chicago. Therefore, Evelyn ordered her subordinates to arrest her and injected the serum to prove whether she was guilty or not. Having known this fact, Tobias told Tris about this plan and asked her to be careful, "Listen, I mostly came to warn you—they're starting the trials for all the

prisoners. They're going to put you all under truth serum, and if it works, you'll be convicted as traitors. I think we would all like to avoid that." (p.7). After listening to what Tobias had to say about Evelyn's plans, Tris disagreed with what she would do. Meanwhile, Tris feels that Evelyn has abused her power by using truth serum to force the detainees to tell the truth. Truth serum is a serum that allows people to tell the truth even if they insist on not saying it.

In confusion about Evelyn's plan, Tris, Tobias, Cara, and Christina try to think of a way to survive. Tris finally got an idea to trick Evelyn. Tris told Tobias, Cara, and Christina that she would use her Divergent genetics, "divergent." (p.8). Tris considers the situation they will face as a dangerous situation that can threaten their lives. Because every traitor found guilty will be sentenced to death. On the other hand, Tris knew she could not resist the effect of truth serum without her divergent genes. Her response shows the quality of intelligence she has in surviving. Genetic divergence is genetics that can adapt to all existing genetics. It is a genetic rarity that occurs in a person. Tobias, Cara, and Christina were taken aback by what Tris said. Cara told Tris that in her experience, most of the Divergents could not withstand the effects of the truth serum. With the spirit she has, she also convinced Tobias, Cara, and Christina that she would be able to survive the truth serum.

Hearing that Tris will use her Divergent gene to avoid the effect of the serum, Tobias has an idea to save them from Evelyn's plot. Tobias tells Tris, Cara, and Christina that he has a plan. He told Tris that she had to lie to Evelyn and said that Cara and Christina were not traitors, "All you have to do is come up with a lie that will exonerate both Christina and Cara, and then tell it under truth serum." (p.8). Tris considers the situation they will face as a dangerous situation that can threaten their lives. It is because of the trial that will be carried out by Evelyn in which every traitor will be sentenced to death if found guilty. Tris' response shows the quality of intelligence she has in surviving. Tris also asked Tobias what kind of lie he had to tell to make Evelyn believe that Cara and Christina were not traitors. Tobias told Tris

that he would leave the matter to Tris, considering she was very good at lying. Cara and Christina believe that Tris can save them both.

2. Survive From the Riots Set Up by Evelyn

A few days have passed, Tris and her friends can survive because of the plans of Tris and Tobias. One day Tris and Tobias went to the cafeteria to eat. There were lots of people who gathered to eat and talk. When Tris and Tobias were eating their food, suddenly the place became chaotic due to the sound of a gunshot fired by someone, and they ran to save themselves. In a panic, they found a person injured by gunfire. That person was Edward, a member of the Erudite. Tris told Tobias to take him to the hospital immediately, "We have to get him to the hospital." (p.37). Tris considers the situation they will face as a dangerous situation that can threaten their lives. It was because Tris didn't want to fall into the trap that Evelyn had set up. On the other hand, Tris didn't want to fight Evelyn's fully armed men. Her response shows the quality of intelligence she has in surviving. After arriving at the hospital, they immediately took Edward to the operating room for immediate first aid. While Tris and Tobias were waiting outside the room, they talked about the chaos in the cafeteria. Tobias told Tris that it was all Evelyn's doing. Evelyn informed Tobias that she would be holding a demonstration in the city, but Evelyn did not explain in detail the plan. Hearing this, Tris became very angry and hated Evelyn.

A few days had passed since the demonstration that Evelyn's men had started. The situation in the city becomes even more chaotic because of the curfew rules imposed by Evelyn as the city leader. Tris, who did not accept Evelyn's leadership, feels that Evelyn has gone too far in ruling the city. There was news that there was a group that opposed Evelyn. It was Allegiant. Knowing that the group had the same goals as her, Tris decided to join the group. The goal was to stop Evelyn from being authoritarian and out of the city to save the people. One night, when Tris and her friends, who were members of the

Allegiant, tried to get out of the city, they were intercepted by Evelyn's men. They threatened Tris and her friends that they would not hesitate to kill anyone who dared to betray Evelyn. In confusion, Tris shouted to immediately disperse and run so that they could all be saved, "Run!" (p.92). Tris considers the situation they will face as a dangerous situation that can threaten their lives. It is because every citizen who wants to leave the city will be sentenced to death by Evelyn's troops. On the other hand, Tris knew they couldn't fight Evelyn's fully-armed troops. Tris' response shows the quality of intelligence she has in surviving. Tris ran into the dark forest to save herself from being chased by Evelyn's troops. Seeing Tris running alone, one of her friends, Tori, decided to follow her. They both ran as far as possible. Feeling safe, Tris decided to stop for a moment, but they both did not know that one of Evelyn's subordinates still followed them. In the darkness, she suddenly heard gunshots and screams of pain from Tori.

Knowing that Tori had been shot, Tris returned the fire by using the weapon given by Tobias and killed one of Evelyn's men.

3. Survive From the Danger of Memory's Serum

After Tris and her friends made it out of the city, they started looking for a person in the video, the person Edith Prior referred. Not long after, they met Tobias's former teacher, Amar, who was presumed dead, and Amar's friend, Zoe. Amar and Zoe said that they worked for the group that built the city and the faction system, and the name of the group was the Genetic Welfare Bureau. Tris and her group followed Amar and Zoe to the group's base. Upon arrival at the headquarters of the Genetic Welfare Bureau, the group leader named David welcomed them. David instructed Amar and Zoe to take Tris's friends to their rooms, considering they had come a long way to get to the base. She was curious about her friends were only brought. David explains that the reason was, he wanted to tell Tris the meaning of the word "Divergent" and the true purpose of the Genetic Welfare Bureau. Finally, all of the questions in Tris' mind, answered through

what David explained. David also told Tris that they would erase all memories of the people in Chicago city by releasing the memory serum. The Bureau deems that the people are out of control. Tris, who did not accept the purpose of the Bureau, feels she has to stop the Bureau from doing it. Finally, Tris came out to look for Tobias and Cara to tell them about the current purpose of the Bureau. She explained all about the Bureau and the true purpose of the Bureau. Tobias and Cara strongly disagreed with the Bureau's plan to erase all memory of the people of Chicago. They both asked Tris about the plan to stop the Bureau. Tris says that she has a plan to save their city and to stop the Bureau, "Alan and Matthew came up with a way to make the serums behave like viruses, so they could spread through an entire population without injecting everyone. That's how they're planning to reset the experiments. But we could reset them". (p.382). Tris explained that scientists from the Bureau named Alan and Matthew made memory serums like Viruses. They did this so that the serum could be spread through the air instead of being injected. This method makes it easy for the Bureau to erase the memories of the people of Chicago city without them knowing it. Tris adds that they can stop the Bureau with their weapons.

The next day, David sent Tris, Amar, and George to patrol and check the surveillance cameras at the border of the Bureau. By wearing the complete equipment, they immediately went there. When they got there, they were greeted by people with genetic defects and banished from the Bureau who lived there. Realizing the presence of Tris and her friends, the community in the place felt displeased. They assumed that Tris, Amar, and George were soldiers sent from the Bureau to take their children. The conflict was unavoidable. One of Tris's friends, George, was arrested and held at gunpoint by one of the people in the area. Tris told them that they were not soldiers sent by the Bureau, "We're with the government, but we aren't soldiers. We don't know where your people are. If you let him go, we'll all leave quietly. If you kill him, I guarantee there will be soldiers here soon to arrest you, and they won't be as forgiving as we are. (p.382). Tris tries to convince them that

they are not the soldiers sent by the Bureau to kidnap their children. Tris also said if he released George, they would leave the place peacefully and would not report the incident to the Bureau leader, but if he shot George, Tris promised that many soldiers would come to this place to arrest him. Finally, Tris managed to save George, and they immediately left because they did not want to get into further trouble with the people in that place.

A day after the incident, Tris held a meeting with Tobias, Cara, Matthew, Peter, Christina, and Caleb. They discussed a plan to stop David and to save the people of the city of Chicago. Matthew explained in detail about the memory serum to Tris and her friends, which they can release the memory serum to the Bureau by resetting the serum release. They can also manage the memories of the higher-ups in the Bureau. Hearing this, Tris said that they had to steal the serum from the hands of the Bureau, "Reset the Bureau, and program them without the propaganda, without the disdain for GDs. Then they'll never risk the memories of the people in the experiments again. The danger will be gone forever". (p.383). Cara told Tris that erasing their memories would render them useless as they would forget everything, even tying their shoelaces. Tris explained to Cara that she only aimed to erase the Bureau's memory of genetic propaganda and not their entire memory. Tris also said this was all to stop the Bureau from going any further with their sinister plot and to save the people of the city of Chicago. Matthew agrees with Tris' plan, which is only to erase the Bureau's memories of genetic propaganda, not to erase all of the Bureau's memories. He also said that it could be done by resetting the memory serum system. Before doing it, they had to pass through a large iron door covered with a passcode that only David knew, and also the entire laboratory room where the memory serum was stored filled with death serum.

Tris, Christina, Cara, Tobias, Peter, Matthew, and her brother Caleb devise a strategy to steal the memory serum from the hands of the Bureau. They intend to break into the laboratory, where the memory serum is stored, using a high-explosive

bomb to destroy the door of the laboratory room. The situation in the city was getting more heated because the Allegiant group had started an attack on Evelyn by attacking the group's arsenal. Evelyn, who could not defend it, plans to use the death serum to fight the rebel group. Knowing this plan, Tobias tells Tris that if he cannot accompany her to attack the laboratory, he wants to go to the city to stop Evelyn. Tris, Cara, Caleb, and Matthew headed to the laboratory to steal the memory serum, and Tobias, Christina, and Peter to town to stop Evelyn from her plans. When Tris and her group entered the laboratory, they accidentally triggered an alarm in the room and sent David's men after them. In confusion, Tris told Matthew and Caleb to separate. She also told Caleb to leave the bag he was holding. It contains the bomb they plan to install in the room where the memory serum is stored, "I'm good at fighting off serums. There's a chance I'll survive. There's no chance you would survive. Give me the backpack, or I'll shoot you in the leg and take it from you." (p.455). Tris pretends to tell Caleb that she will survive the death serum since she has experience with it. Tris intends to sacrifice herself to stop the Bureau. She forced him to hand over the bomb. Tris asks Caleb for help telling Tobias that she does not want to part this way, and she also tells Caleb that she loves Caleb very much as her little brother.

CONCLUSION

After researching the novel *Allegiant*, the author finds that intelligence can bring good changes in human life. However, it can also be harmful if it is misused. Tris, as the main character of Veronica Roth's novel *Allegiant*, has shown the importance of intelligence quality in designing a strategy and in survival. As a leader of the Genetic Welfare Bureau, David used a memory serum to rule over the city according to his wishes. Tris, who had discovered David's plans, felt that she could not accept his goals. So she tried to stop David's evil plans by taking the serum from the hands of the Bureau and intended to release the serum back to them.

Intelligence is a good thing in human life. It can help people's daily lives, ranging from work, school and science activities, as well as other activities. Through the novel, *Allegiant* Roth has shown how important the role of intelligence in human life is.

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