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Quentin Tarantino

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Nowadays, mass media is the main factor which shapes our society and also influences on human behaviors. It is the intermediary that a director wants to convey the message to the audience. Therefore, to produce a good movie it is not only for entertaining but also influencing morality to consumers. <sup>1</sup>There are many components to produce a film and one of the most important factors which cannot be forgotten is a director. <sup>2</sup>Quentin Tarantino is one of the most famous and successful director who has produced many well-known movies such as Pulp Fiction, Kill Bill volume1 and 2, and Inglourious Basterds. His movies' style is a nonlinear storyline, sarcastic contents and violent aesthetics. Each movie is very unique and that leads him to get award of the best original screenplay. The movie is a kind of art which is a way for a director to put his own idea into his movie and then express it to people. Quentin Tarantino is a western but in his film sometimes he uses eastern philosophy to express his idea to people. He has an original idea of making a movie. That is why the storyline can impress people's minds, and when people watch his films they can know and recognize that these movies belong to him.

<sup>3</sup>Quentin Jerome Tarantino is an American film director, screenwriter, actor, and producer. <sup>4</sup>When he was young, he loved a storytelling but sometimes he

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<sup>1</sup> "Film Producer" *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 30 January 2013 <  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film\\_producer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film_producer)>

<sup>2</sup> "Quentin Tarantino" *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 7 February 2013 <  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quentin\\_Tarantino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quentin_Tarantino)>

<sup>3</sup> "Quentin Tarantino" *The Biography Channel website*. March 1, 2011 <  
<http://www.biography.com/people/quentin-tarantino-9502086>>

<sup>4</sup> "Quentin Tarantino Early Life" *The Biography Channel website*. March 1, 2011 <  
<http://www.biography.com/people/quentin-tarantino-9502086?page=1#early-life>>

expressed his creativity in a strange ways. For example, he usually wrote a sorrowful mother's day card to his mother and she cried. In his school life, Tarantino detested school so much. He preferred spending his time watching movies to studying. History was the only subject which could attract him because it was similar to a movie and it was some kind of telling a story. In the early 1990, he got a career as an independent filmmaker and worked at Video Archives. His works are very unique and these can extremely attract many people. Because of his imagination and his ability, he produces many wonderful unique movies and all of his movies can make him to be one of the most powerful people in Hollywood.

<sup>5</sup>Quentin Tarantino had a directorial debut in 1992 and his first movie in his career is *Reservoir Dogs*. However, in 1994, *Pulp Fiction* was considered to be one of the greatest films of its era. It was the film which made him received wide critical and commercial success. It earned more than \$200 million at the box office. *Pulp Fiction* was directed and written by Quentin Tarantino. Its story style is nonlinear story line, selective dialogue, satirical mix of humor and violence, and a host of cinematic allusions and pop culture references. This film is beautifully produced. It makes the audience empathize the story. They have a feeling of excitement and enthusiasm during the film. It demonstrates various emotions such as anger, fierce, hate, fear, courage, humorous or even amaze. For example, when Jules Winfield has been aimed of shooting in the distance that she has no way to escape and she seems to be killed for sure by the audience's perspective. Surprisingly, the bullet misses her and that is the perplex scene of this movie. There are a lot of funny scenes throughout the movie. The conversations between Jules and Vincent are hilarious annoyance. For example,

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<sup>5</sup> "Quentin Tarantino" *Amazon Affiliates*. 15 September 2006 <  
<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000233/bio>>

every time they go out for work they must have some fights. Jules always says things about biblical text and Vincent often has problems when he reads book in the toilet. Also the scene of Vincent gets shot in the toilet by Butch who is a man that Vincent had to kill. It is a very good film because it shows new viewpoints to the audience as other movies never do. The audience cannot predict of what will happen next while they are watching. This makes the enjoyable time during the film and people will not get bored.

Kill Bill is one of great movies which received a big applaud from the audience. It is separated into two volumes, Kill Bill volume1 and Kill Bill volume2. Kill Bill volume1 is the movie which the storyline is full of artifice and connotation. For example, the continuity of telling a story is usually switching between the present and the past scenes.<sup>6</sup>The movie is highly stylized of a revenge flick in the cinematic traditions of Chinese martial arts, Japanese period cinema, Spaghetti Westerns and Italian horror. Some action scenes reverence to Shaw Brothers' movie. Moreover, yellow jumpsuit which Uma, an actress, wears in this movie is to show respect to Bruce Lee that he wore it in Game of Death and also the samurai sword which Uma used is the same as the one that Bruce Willis used in Pulp Fiction.<sup>7</sup>Kill Bill volume2 is a complement of Kill Bill volume1 because people will know the reason why Uma wants to kill Bill. This season focuses on the conversation between Uma and five killers. It is different from the previous season which focuses on action scenes. When the movie focuses on conversation, it will lead people to know deeply about characters of the actress and her motivation to kill Bill.

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<sup>6</sup> "Kill Bill Volume1" *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 10 February 2013 <  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kill\\_Bill\\_Volume\\_1](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kill_Bill_Volume_1) >

<sup>7</sup> "Kill Bill Volume2" *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 30 December 2011 <  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Kill\\_Bill\\_Volume\\_2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Kill_Bill_Volume_2) >

In addition, *Inglourious Basterds* is another film which is a representative of Quentin Tarantino. It manifests his style and it is counted to be an original war movie.<sup>8</sup> In 2009, this movie was a commercial success which made him got the highest-gross film ever, grossing over \$310 million in theaters all over the world. This film is different from other general war movies because it is come from his outstanding idea with many uncommon artifices and that can make people be fascinated on this movie.

In conclusion, Quentin Tarantino is a visionary or a genius person who always has extraordinary thoughts and ideas. He can put his ideas into his movies and he has fully potential to express them through the storyline to the people properly. Because of his unique style of making a movie, he has usually won the prize for Best Original Screenplay and his films can be recognized by many people and widely regarded as the best screenplay of all the time.

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<sup>8</sup> "*Inglourious Basterds* (2009)". *Nash Information Services, LLC*. 5 December 2012 < <http://www.the-numbers.com/movies/2009/BSTRD.php> >