**Personal Thoughts On Alan Turing Based On *Imitation Game***

Every time I watch *Imitation Game*, I feel very inspired by all of Alan Turing’s actions and great deeds to the technological world. The choices he made were very analytical and strategic to every situation he was in. However, there are some choices that he made that I would have done differently that may have had better outcomes. I plan on talking about Alan’s actions strictly based on the movie.

We first need to consider Alan Turing’s personality. Alan wasn’t one who was very amicable to his peers. Because he had a unique mindset he had difficulty working with peers. In the movie, because of his preference to work alone, he had begun to create a toxic relationship with the team working to solve Enigma. He had bigger plans; he planned on creating a machine that could solve not only Enigma, but all other kinds of encoding machines. However, he didn’t share his work with his peers. This is the first action I would have done differently if I were Alan Turing.

Considering that the country was at war, time was of upmost importance. If Alan had shared his plans with his peers, I believe that Christopher would have been created much faster. In the movie, when the idea of Christopher was mentioned, it was mocked at and laughed at by his peers. Even after Alan’s peers laughed at the idea of a machine to solve Enigma, Alan didn’t really try hard to explain his thoughts—which is the second action I would have done differently.

The exchange of ideas and better options between peers is what makes a project more successful, not to mention much faster to achieve their goals. Alan should have tried to convince his peers about the boundless possibilities that Christopher could bring. Despite their toxic relationship, he should have tried to explain, reason, and show exactly how he imagined Christopher would work and why it was so important. I believe that if all of Alan’s peers were onboard and in agreeance with Alan, the creation of Christopher would have been much faster.

Another thing I would have done differently than Alan was to try and get Joan Clarke to work fulltime with the team. *Imitation Game* shows that Joan was a sufficient team member but didn’t work with the team—she instead worked with women in another department. Alan should have used his position and power to convince this peers and authorities that Joan should be working fulltime with the team together. Alan should have showed her potential to his team, instead of sneaking confidential files to Joan after work hours and in private. Had Joan worked fulltime as part of a team, Christopher would most likely have been built earlier.

After the success of Christopher and the war, there aren’t much actions I would have done differently. One dilemma that I am still conflicted about is the choice of having to go to jail or take a government-mandated therapy due to his homosexuality. I fully understand that the human Christopher was a very important figure in Alan’s life, and that Alan projected his best friend onto the machine Christopher. Therefore, I wouldn’t know what I would choose if I were in Alan’s shoes at the time. I would have liked to go to jail for 2 years, but even after my 2-year sentence, I wouldn’t have been able to find stability in society because of my sexual preference. However, I also understand why Alan chose to stay with Christopher even through medication.

With everything said, I respect each choice that Alan Turing had made. In the end, he helped win the war, saved Britain, and any future casualties that could have occurred from the war. He was a hero of his time. I hope I could become at least half the man that Alan Turing was.