

Chapter I

Introduction

Background

People live in the world with different story, different background and different kind of things that happened in their lives. People live with society, interact with others people and do their lives based on their need. It is the circumstance as the human who lived in the earth. Based on this circumstance, literature bears to reflect the human's life which is created by human. It is existed from many years ago up to now because of people. Therefore, people can not be separated from the literature.

Human's life that reflected on literature can be seen in the literary works as the result of the literature, such as, short story, fairytales, poem, novel and movie. Movie is one of the literary works that presented all elements of story, such as, theme, character, setting, and message through audio and visual. Movie is one of favorite literary works that people interested in. It can be seen by the amount of movie production every year in every country. As the movie production grown up, the variety, the quality of movie production increased as well. There are many genres of movie, such as, romance, action, comedy, history, modern and etc.

The historical fiction movie mostly adapted from the history of a king or queen in particular country. One of them is The Other Boleyn Girl movie. The movie was adapted from a novel written by Philippa Gregory, and the novel was adapted

from the history of the King Henry VIII in British Kingdom. The Other Boleyn Girl movie is about the Boleyn family that has ambition to raise the family status by planning the children to be the mistresses of the King.

The Boleyn father and uncle has planned Anne Boleyn to be the King's mistress when the queen of England, Katherine could not give birth to a son as the heirs of the Kingdom. The King visited the Boleyn residence, accidentally, the King got an accident caused by Anne Boleyn. The Boleyn family turned the plan to Mary Boleyn as Mary treated the King from his injury. King and Mary fall in love each other. Then Mary got hemorrhage, she was isolated from any activities. While Mary gave birth to a son, King already fall in love with Anne who became more beautiful and smarter. She attracted the King's heart by her charisma with purpose to compete with Mary Boleyn who attracted the King first. Then, Anne became the Queen of England after the King divorced with Katherine of Aragon who could not give a son. Surprisingly, Anne Boleyn gave a daughter birth. Finally, she got a death punishment from the rule that she ruined.

The movie has raised some response from people. For instance, the response about the characters of the movie, Anne Boleyn and Mary Boleyn. "Mary is better mistress than Anne. She was a nice person. She was friendly and humble. Mary attracted the King's heart easily and genuinely with full of love. The King treated Mary kindly and softly as well while the King treated Anne rudely though he was curious about Anne. Anne was a whore because she stole the King from Mary and

took Mary's son away without any permission. She treated Mary as her slave though Mary was grounded by the King" (Claire, 2010; Corliss, 2008).

There are some agreement and contradiction about The Other Boleyn Girl movie, such as, the comparison between the story in the movie and the novel, the story in the movie and the history and the major characters of the movie. However, people are free to give comment or critique about the movie. Additionally, people comes from different interest, background and culture, so that, the responses are different one another. Gradually, to analyzed the people responses toward the Other Boleyn Girl movie, this study applies the reader response criticism. Reader response criticism is applied to see the people responses toward the literary work. The "people" means people who involved or engaged in a literary work. In this case, people means the audience as the respondent of a movie. Based on Oxford dictionary, "audience" means the people who watch or listen to a television or radio programme. Therefore, reader response criticism applies in this study because it can explore audience responses as the people who involve or engaged in the movie.

Based on the explanation above, this study analyzed the audience responses toward The Other Boleyn Girl movie. Considering the movie was adapted from the history that presented the kingdom life in the past which presented the cultural values, such as the king with his heir, the death punishment by the court. Therefore, this movie has what the audience responses will be analyzed which is, the cultural theories of response.

Problem Statement

Based on the background above, the problem statement is:

How do the audience respond toward *The Other Boleyn Girl*, a movie by Justin Chadwick

Objective of Study

Based on the question of study above, the purpose of this study is to know how are the audience responses toward *The Other Boleyn Girl* movie and the cultural value that affects the audience responses. First, this study raised some questions that raised the audience response, then audience responses analyzed as the result of this study.

Significances of Study

The significance of this study for the teaching process is to give the opportunity to the students to interpret something freely since reader response focus on the audience role as the intrpreter. While the significance for the teacher is the teacher can assest the students easily based on their opinion. Moreover, the teacher can aplly the reader response as the method of the teaching process. Additionally, it is useful to people who wants to take the similar study and as the reference for the next study.

Scopes of Study

Substantively, an analysis of audience responses can be applied in others element of a work. However, to narrow the area of study, this study only focus on cultural aspects of the audience responses.