

**PATRIOTISM IN *TRISTAN AND ISOLDE* MOVIE DIRECTED  
BY KEVIN REYNOLDS : A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of Study

*Tristan and Isolde* movie is directed by Kevin Reynold. It is produced by Ridley Scott. *Tristan and Isolde* is a romantic drama and written by Dean Georganis. It was published by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Distribution. The producers of this movie are Ridley Scott, Sony Scott, Elie Samaha. The release date of this movie was in January 13, 2006 and the running time is around 125 minutes.

This movie is played by famous actor and actress. The main character is played by James Franco as Tristan. Then, the Tristan's lover, Isolde, is played by Sophia Myles. The king of England is played by Rufus Sewel as King Marke. And David O'hara as Donnchadh, and he is known as the father of Isolde.

*Tristan and Isolde* movie tells about the forbidden love between Tristan and Isolde. Tristan is a knight from England, while Isolde is a daughter of the Ireland king. Both of the countries fight each other at that time. Their meeting is started when Tristan is badly wounded when he tries to save the women of his country, England. The people in Tristan's kingdom suppose that he dies, so his body is put out to the sea on a funeral boat which eventually washes up along the shores of Ireland. He is discovered by Isolde and her maid Bragnae, and then secretly nurses him back to health. Tristan and Isolde fall in love; however, Isolde does not disclose her real name. After some time, Tristan is forced to flee to Cornwall.

Plotting to defeat Britain, Donnchadh proposes a peace treaty, promising his daughter Isolde in marriage to the winner of a tournament. Tristan participates on behalf of his uncle King Marke of Cornwall, unaware that the "prize" Isolde is the woman he falls in love with in Ireland. He wins the tournament, only to discover the truth about Isolde and to see her betrothed to Marke.

Tristan and Isolde cannot hold on their feeling of love, so they do affair. When knowing this, Marke becomes so upset, and then after he knows that Tristan and Isolde are loving each other, he tries to lease Isolde to go with Tristan. Tristan chooses instead to stay in England and fight for his king. Called away to battle against Donnchadh's forces, he is mortally wounded in combat by Wicked and eventually dies in Isolde's arms. She sees to his burial beneath the ashes of the Roman Bridge, and plants two willows by the grave, which grow intertwined; she then vanishes and is never seen again.

There are some public responses toward this movie. They are positive and negative responses. These are some positive responses from the audiences of Tristan and Isolde movie. The first comment comes from **Lila**: "I think the film was rather good, but too sweet for me. And very typical, I'm afraid. But I hope that reading of the script will be funnier!" The second comment is from **Emily**: "This is the best romance movie I've seen yet. It keeps you wanting more and more, there's no end to the intense drama and love between tristan and isolde. I literally cried. Of course if you don't like romance there's plenty of action in there as well" (<http://www.beyondhollywood.com/the-top-10-best-movies-of2006/>).

The last comment is negative response from **vodka vertigo** "tristan and isolde

were in love. First of all there were about 2 scenes with them together before they had sex. And most the time the maid was there anyway”. I don’t know about anyone else but I would find it pretty hard to think I loved someone after two real conversations. Their relationship was all about sex, not love”. (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0375154/board/nest/1308804478>).

*Tristan and Isolde* movie estimated spends about \$25.000.000 million. This movie was released on 13 January 2006 in the United States. The marketing *Tristan and Isolde* grossed a total 7.85 million. On March 30, 2006 the movie grossed a total of 14.73 million dollars at the domestic box office.

There are five points that make this movie interesting. The First point is about the characters of this movie. Tristan is a man who has high loyalty to serve his kingdom. He is also a man who has a great love to Isolde. Then Isolde’s character is described as a strong girl who never gives up defending her love.

The second point is about the cast of Sophia Myles. She became the best actress in 2006 when she acted as Isolde in *Tristan and Isolde* movie. ([http://www.moria.co.nz/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=4173&Itemid](http://www.moria.co.nz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4173&Itemid)).

The third point is about the plot when Tristan is caught by King Marke at the time that he holds Isolde. The King feels that he is betrayed by Tristan the man that he trusts very much. The King is also disappointed by Isolde someone that he loves much.

The fourth point is about the cinematography, including the costume and the vehicle. Because the setting is in the age 5 century so the costumes that are

used are like the costume the queen and the king of England. The costumes are very interesting and elegant. The vehicles that are used are carriage, horse and boat.

The last point is about the theme that is about "one should sacrifice his own interest for the sake of his state (country)". It means that the people in this movie will do anything for their country, even if they are required to lose their lives. It is called patriotism. Patriotism is a love and loyalty to one's country. A patriot is someone who loves, supports, and is prepared to serve his country. Patriotism is feeling of support for one's own country. An act motivated by patriotism is said to be a patriotic act. The people whose patriotism is high will do anything for their country, even if they are required to lose their lives. In the country which fights to others, the patriotism is needed very much. In *Tristan and Isolde* movie, it is described that Ireland and England are fight each other, so there will be more people with patriotism feeling are required.

So, the writer would like to conduct a research paper entitled "PATRIOTISM IN '*TRISTAN AND ISOLDE*' MOVIE DIRECTED BY KEVIN REYNOLDS: A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH".

## **B. Previous Study**

As long as the researcher knowledge, there is no researcher that has conducted a study about *Tristan and Isolde* movie in Muhammadiyah Surakarta University and Surakarta region.

### **C. Problem Statement**

The problem of the study is how the patriotism is reflected in *Tristan and Isolde* movie.

### **D. Limitation of the Study**

In conducting the research, the writer limits the problems that are going to be discussed. This research only deals with patriotism in *Tristan and Isolde* movie based on sociological perspective.

### **E. Objectives of the Study**

Based on the problem statement mentioned above, the writer has the following objectives:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the movie.
2. To analyze the movie based on sociological perspective.

### **F. Benefit of the Study**

The writer hopes that this research will have some benefits for the readers. After reading this research, the reader can have some advantages as follows:

#### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

- a. To give some information which can be used by the other researchers who are interested in analyzing this topic.

- b. To give contribution to other literary research, especially in the study of patriotism.

## **2. Practical Benefit**

The practical benefit of this study is for getting the Bachelor Degree of Education in English Department.

## **G. Research Method**

### **1. Type of the research**

The type of this study is qualitative research. Descriptive qualitative method is a research which employs the method of collecting, describing, classifying and analyzing the data and then drawing conclusion.

### **2. Object of the Study**

The object of the study is patriotism reflected in Kevin Reynolds' *Tristan and Isolde*.

### **3. Type of Data and the data source**

In this research, the researcher uses two data sources that are primary and secondary data source.

#### **a. Primary Data Sources**

The data is *Tristan and Isolde* movie by Kevin Reynolds and it is taken from the dialogue, attitude, and all statements in the text of the movie which are relevant with the research.

b. Secondary Data Sources

The data are taken from some references related to the research by picking up either from books and internets.

**4. Method of Collecting Data**

The method of the data collection is done through documentation or library research. There are some steps of collecting data:

- a. Watching the movies several times and determining the character that will be analyzed.
- b. Reading some related books to find out the theory, data and information that are required.
- c. Browsing the internet to get some information related to the object of the study.

**5. Technique of Data Analysis**

To analyze the collected data the writer takes these following steps:

- a. Taking note of important information about the data.
- b. Arranging the data into several parts according to its classification into a good unity toward the topic of the study.
- c. Describing the data that has been gathered based on Sociology Theory.

**H. Paper Organization**

This research paper is divided into six chapters. The first chapter is introduction, which consists of the background of the study, previous study, problem statement, and limitation of study, objective of the study, benefit of the

study, research method, and paper organization. The second chapter deals with review of underlying theory involving the notion of sociological approach that will be used to analyze the data. The third chapter deals with the social background of England in the middle of 18<sup>th</sup> century. The fourth chapter is a structural analysis. In this chapter, the writer explains the structural elements of the film. The fifth chapter is sociological analysis. The last chapter is conclusion and suggestion.