CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

After finishing the analysis of the protagonist in The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory, I would like to draw some conclusion. In the novel, I find there is a good girl who has a big dream which turns into an obsession that makes her become a wicked girl. Her obsession leads her to her downfall because she does everything in order to fulfill her obsession. Therefore, I formulate the theme of the novel “A dream which turns into an obsession may lead to one’s downfall”.

Anne, the protagonist of The Other Boleyn Girl, is a good girl who has a high dream at the beginning because she is portrayed as a high dream, caring and smart girl. Yet, her characteristics changes when her dream turns into an obsession. Anne becomes wicked, selfish and cunning. She turns into that kind of woman because she wants to fulfill her obsession. Besides, she will do anything even bad things to fulfill it. She is so blinded by her obsession that she does not care even if she has hurt her own sister, Mary, in order to fulfil her obsession.

Anne comes to her downfall because of her obsession. Her downfall can be seen when she has a disabled baby from her affair with George. Because of it, people look down on her as the Queen of England. Moreover, having such an
obsession ruins her relationship with her brother and sister. Her downfall can also be seen when she becomes the loneliest girl. People who always stay beside her leave her. Not only that, she is also executed by the King. From analysis above, I find that the portrayal of Anne as the protagonist of the novel can reveal the theme.

After I read The Other Boleyn Girl, I find that this novel wants to make all people aware that a dream which turns into an obsession can make our life become ruined. It is a good thing to want to realize our dream, but a dream which turns into an obsession may result in a bad thing. Being obsessive makes us do anything in order to get what we want even bad things. Not only does it make our characteristics change from positive characteristics into negative ones but also can make us to come to our downfall.

I am of the opinion that this novel also wants to inform us that an obsession does not make us happy; on the contrary, it makes us miserable and lonely. We will feel alone because all people who always stand by side us will choose to leave us. They do that because they have been hurt by us. Perhaps, we are not aware that we actually have hurt them. However, we actually have hurt them in such a way that we can fulfil our obsession. Therefore, I find that an obsession is a negative thing which can lead us to our downfall.

In my opinion, The Other Boleyn girl is very useful to be read because we can learn a lot of things from the novel. It explains us how an obsession can ruin our life. This novel is useful for not only the King Henry’s period in the sixteenth-century but also our present time. As we know, all of people in the world have dreams to achieve a high position wherever they are. It is a common thing if they
want their dreams to come true. They often do anything that they can to get the position they want. They also are not aware of the fact that actually they have sacrificed the people who always stand by them, like their family or their best friends. Sometimes, they do not even care about it. In their mind, they just want to fulfil their obsession. Therefore, if we read this novel, it can act as a reminder that should not become an obsessive man, which make us capable of doing anything to get what we want.

As a human being, we can just do the best to get what we want; especially to fulfil our dream so as to become true. However, we should not let our dream become an obsession which can make us become bad people. We must keep our mind fresh and logical so that we can think positively in our lives.

Finally, after reading and analyzing The Other Boleyn girl by Philippa Gregory, I find that we can not force anything in order to realize our dream. If we force ourselves to get what we want by doing anything even bad things, it would turn to be an obsession. Consequently, it may lead us to our downfall, is presented in the theme of this novel. That is, “A dream which turns into an obsession may lead to one’s downfall”.