

# **Duty first, self second**

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## **Being the queen wasn't a essay job**

Actually before I saw this movie, I just did simply think that being the queen of the United Kingdom was the easiest job in the world. But I changed my thoughts after watching the movie. We don't know her difficulties, but the movie tells us some information.

The Queen, was a 2006 British biographical drama film that was directed by Stephen Frears, written by Peter Morgan, and starred Helen Mirren in the title role of Queen Elizabeth II. And the main actor is Michael Sheen and Helen Mirren. There are five major events in this movie.

First of all, Diana, Princess of Wales has die in a car accident at the Alma Bridge tunnel in Paris.

Second, In the press, Diana was dubbed the "People's Princess"; this began an outpouring of grief by the general public in broadcasts, and displayed of floral tributes so numerous at Buckingham and Kensington Palaces that the main entrances onto the complexes had to be rerouted.

## **Resisting Blair's attempt**

Third, Blair's attempts to guide the royal family through the controversy were met with resistance, the queen described them as a surrender to public hysteria. He was encouraged by the private secretaries of the Prince of Wales and the queen, albeit through veiled advice, to continue with his attempts to change the attitude of the royal family.

Fourth, the queen came to realize that the world had changed during her reign, and Blair began to understand that the queen had her difficulties.

## **The queen gave a speech and ended the issue**

Fifth, the queen decided to end discussion about the issue. The royal family returned to London to review the floral tributes to Diana. The queen paid public

tribute on live television to Diana's significance to the nation and society.

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What impressed me most was that the queen's words: "Duty first, self second." When the media targeted the royal family, the royal family was silent, the queen's reason was only two: one was to protect the two grandchildren, as far as possible to keep them stimulated; The second was that Diana is no longer a part of the family and the royal family is not fit to react.

But under the incitement of the media, people expressed outrage at the royal silence soon, and put forward the rational or legal requirements: for the members of the royal family of Diana held royal highest specifications of the funeral, at Buckingham Palace, the queen's position on the issue, and had a tendency to spin out of control, public opinion under the pressure, the queen made a compromise, and eventually accepted all the requirements of the people.

### **Strong but lonely**

The queen showed her most upright, rational, considerate and strong side. She just did what a queen and a grandmother should do. She was taught that responsibility comes first and personal comes second. This was also the tragedy of her position as queen, but very lonely.

In the movie, her power was limited to directing her dogs and driving the car to the wilderness alone. The large and graceful deer in the wilderness was her avatar, and she also knew that the death of the deer may be the end of her power. She believed in the wisdom and judgment of the people, but her people had turned their backs on her.

Last but not least, The Queen is an excellent movie and let me have a deep understanding about the royal family and the queen.