Ideology of Culture and Power as Reflected by Robert the Bruce in Mel Gibson's Braveheart

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Kata Kunci : Braveheart, ideology, new historicism, noble, Robert the Bruce

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