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QUESTIONS:

- Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning Sodom, underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrusts the drama engages.
- Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor's Good Morning Sodom
- What are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of Good morning Sodom?

THEME ANALYSIS ON GOOD MORNING SODOM

- ❖ **Theme of peer pressure:** Peer pressure or influence is when one does something because you want to feel accepted, among and valued by your peers or friends. Peer pressure can be positive or negative but in the play, come across the negative side of peer pressure and its bad influence. The theme of peer pressure is portrayed through Demola; where he is influenced by his close friend, Bentol to do things he did not want to do. His friend, Bentol dragged him into joining cult and taking drugs which later resulted to his death toward the end of the play. Another scenario was when Bentol coerced him into raping Keziah, when she visited him in his hostel for reading sessions, he influenced him into taking advantage on Keziah innocence without her will, since the opportunity was offered right in front of him. Demola had no intention of living the type of life he lived before he died but the influence and pressure from his friend got to him and it all ended in tragedy.
- ❖ **Theme of parental neglect and lack of parental care and love:** Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs such as not giving attention to a child. Keziah and Demola were the major victims of neglect in the play. Dr Aworawo Richards (Keziah's dad) was always too busy with work and rarely came to visit his

daughter in school, he usually sent her gifts for not being able to visit her and he still lacked so much in giving his daughter the love she deserved. Another scene in Keziah's was when she got pregnant and due to her father's reaction and behavior towards her, it pushed her into committing suicide. In Demola's case, lack of parental care and love is played by Demola's parents. Due to their absences in the life of their son, it caused a lot of damages. Demola, a young man who seeks for parental love which he is to get by his parents finds it elsewhere. His friend who becomes this person that gives him the attention, love and bad advice which leads to his doom. If his parents hadn't lack in their duties to their son, he wouldn't look elsewhere for acquaintance especially from the wrong company he got it from.

❖ **Theme of Love:** The theme of love is a major theme seen in the play. Love is an intense emotion of regard and feeling, as it is expressed in different ways in the play from parental love to the other types of love which is explored. In the good morning Sodom different types of love were portrayed some include Agape, Erotic, Playful love, Self-love. Agape love was portrayed through some characters which include Mr. and Mrs. Richard to their daughter Keziah before and after her pregnancy and child birth. Stella also should love to Keziah by consoling after the incident of getting raped. Playful love was portrayed through Demola and Keziah had before Bentol had advised him to sleep with Keziah since she was being stubborn and playing had to get Demola never had any intentions of having an erotic relationship with Keziah. Self-love was portrayed through Stella, many years after she was raped she was able to pick up herself and gave her life to Christ and became a better version of herself

❖ **Theme of Regret:** Regret is a feeling of sadness, repentance or disappointment over an occurrence or something one has done or failed to do. Regret is a theme that was somewhat dominant in the

play “Good Morning Sodom”. After raping Keziah, Demola felt remorse for what he did to her, Engineer Diran and Mrs. Diran were contrite after they realized that they neglected their child, finally K.K felt sour after killing Demola. Another context where regret is portrayed was shown when Keziah was pushed to commit suicide, her father regretted that he had pushed his daughter into committing suicide. He would have been there for his daughter and show her all the support she needed but he gave up on his daughter.

❖ **Cultism:** A secret cult can be defined as an organization of which people come together to pledge their allegiance, under an oath and have a social bond of commitment and dedication for the good of the organization. Their activities are kept secret thus the name “secret cult”, are kept away from other members of the society or non-members of the group. Secret cult carry out their meetings when people are not aware of, especially during the odd-hours and far away from residences. This act is cultism and someone who practices it is a cultist. For instance, in the book, in the book, in the Mayflower university there was a cultist group called Red shadows they all had code names and the main members were Sebiotimo Philips also known as Sparks, Nkanga Nwoko also known as KK, Usman Yibo also known as Bentol, Onoja Edmund also known as Jumo and others. The night that Demola was accidentally killed by KK, there were about three new members that were about to be recruited and Demola was one of them. After their membership was declared they were given a task to go on an operation to kill the other group of cult members.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

- **Keziah Richard:** Keziah is the protagonist in the play. She is described as a medium height, slightly round and a fair young lady. She is the only child and daughter of Dr Aworawo Richards and Mrs. Joke Richards. She was 200level student

of Mayflower University studying English. When her course mate demola tried to get her attention but she was uninterstered and didn't want to have anything to do with him. When keziah, gave Demola a chance he got her pregnant which led to her having to drop out of school to treat herself and her unborn child. She is a well behaved and focused student, but later became a victim of negative peer influence, which led to her being raped and eventually became pregnant(gave birth to Mouritha; her daughter). She is neglected by her father who later came to realization that what he was doing to her was wrong. Later on, she proceeded with her life and went back to school (university of Ibadan) to continue her studies.

- **Demola Diran:** Demola is tall, dark, handsome young man. He is one of the primary characters of the play “Good Morning Sodom. He was the only child of his parents, he also attended the Mayflower University in the department of English language in his second year. In the play, he showed interest in Keziah but she was not interested in any relationship with him. He was a victim of peer pressure which made him drug Keziah and having his way with her which led to him getting her pregnant. Demola was also pressured into taking drugs and getting involved with cult therefore leading to his undignified death.
- **Nkanga Nwoko (a.k.a K.K):** He is a student of Mayflower University, only surviving child of his widowed mother and Demola's best friend. He was the one who influenced Demola negatively, he encouraged him to rape Keziah. He mistakenly shot Demola instead of a rival cult member and was found guilty of manslaughter, membership of an unlawful society and illegal possession of firearms. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED AND THE FILM VERSION OF GOOD MORNING SODOM?

-In the published version, when Demola wanted to ask about Keziah's whereabouts he only spoke or asked Ovie but in the film version he asked both Ovie and Bunmi when they were both discussing and also he did not ask her any question but of them.

-In the published version, Mrs. Diran did not die, she was well and alive but in the film version, we were told that she died.

- In the published version, after the judge passed the judgment, the mother of KK (Nkanga Nwoko) collapsed while in the film version it was not shown.

-In the published version, there were three new members being recruited and they were kneeling down, blindfolded and kneeling at the center was Demola while in the film version, there was only two new members being recruited.

-In the published version, after Dr. Hanson treated Keziah after she almost killed herself and also after the delivery the doctor replied "I'm just doing my job" while in the film version the doctor did not reply that.

- The defense counsel and the prosecution counsel said a lot while in the film version both the defense and prosecution counsel did not really speak like stating the laws in the constitution. It was only the judge that passed the judgment and adjourned the court.