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**ASSIGNMENT**

**1. Attempt an incisive interrogation of Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning, Sodom, underscoring at least five underlying thematic thrusts the drama engages.**

**ANSWER**

The play good morning, Sodom is a realist rendition that poignantly draws attention to destructive acts often engaged in by students, resulting in cheap deaths of dreams and dear ones on the nation campuses. Below are some themes that can be found from the play:

**a. Theme of Family**:

The family has one of the greatest influence on a person’s life and this is also true in the play Good Morning, Sodom by Solomon A. Edebor. The main character of the play is a girl named Keziah who was impregnated by a boy named Demola later in the play. As the news reached her parents (Dr. & Mrs. Richards), her father, Dr. Richards, started scolding her for bringing disgrace to his family. Dr. Richard’s scolding reached a point that he started to deny his own daughter and this act by her father encouraged her to commit suicide. By the grace of God, she was saved by the doctors. This shows the level of influence parents have on their children. Parents should be careful not to act carelessly so that their children don’t end up like Keziah in the play.

**b. Theme of Love:**

Love is a very strong emotion. It can be joyful and exciting, but it can also be painful and confusing. It can lift us to the heights of ecstasy or plunge us into the depths of despair. Demola was a good and intelligent student but he had strong feelings for a girl named Keziah (the main character of the play). Instead of facing his studies, he was chasing after the girl even though the girl showed no interest in him. He was still struggling to get close to her. After some time, he was able to get her to visit him in his room which was outside campus. With some influence from his friends, he ended up raping her and this turned his world upside down. His relationship with Keziah was over and he ended up dieing an early death. Loving someone isn’t bad, but it shouldn’t take priority over your main goal which is to focus on your studies.

**c. Theme of Peer Influence:**

The friends you keep can have big impacts on your lives. They can help you with your goals but some can prevent you from achieving your goals. In the play Good Morning, Sodom, Demola’s closest friends were K.K and Bentol. K.K and Bentol were also engaging in cult activities and they ended up dragging Demola into their cult group known as Red shadows. And it is during one of their cult battles that Demola was shot mistakenly by K.K (his best friend). It was due to the friends he kept that he ended up as one of the Red Shadows cult members and died an early death. Be careful of the friends you keep because they can have a great influence in your life sooner or later.

**d. Theme of Pre-marital Sex:**

Pre-marital sex is a problem that societies have been trying to prevent for some time now because pre-marital sex often turns into unwanted pregnancy that causes a lot of problems for the person involved and the family of the person. Keziah ( the main character of the play Good Morning, Sodom) was raped by Demola causing her to become pregnant at such a young age. This unwanted pregnancy usually causes stigmatization to the victim and the family of the victim. This is why Dr. Richards was so angry that he ended up denying his own daughter causing Keziah to commit suicide. People especially students should prevent pre-marital sex because there are a lot of consequences which could lead you to commit suicide just like Keziah attempted to.

**e. Theme of Redemption:**

This is the idea that a person can change for the better and be forgiven for their past mistakes. Keziah who was impregnated was forgiven by her father giving her a chance to correct her wrong doings and learn from her mistake. Keziah was later sent to a new school far away from her old school so that she could have a second chance to complete her studies. Another instance of redemption is the case of K.K who took responsibility for the death of Demola by telling his parents everything that happened that lead to Demola’s death. Though he would still have to pay for his crimes in prison, the parents of Demola forgave him and this experience is bound to make sure that K.K does not make the same mistake sometime in the future after he has been released from prison.

**2. Attempt detailed character analyses of any three characters in Solomon A. Edebor’s Good Morning, Sodom.**

**ANSWER**

**KEZIAH RICHARDS:**

She is the main character of the play Good Morning, Sodom. She was a student of Mayflower University before some life changing events. She was a serious and intelligent student who was focused with her studies. She was being chased by one of her course mates named Demola. She normally tries to avoid him but in situations that she can’t she turns him away saying that she doesn’t want anything to do with him. She continued like this for a while until her fellow course mates Bunmi and Ovie encouraged her to give Demola a chance. She ended up listening to them and she got invited to Demola’s room which was off campus. She accepted the invite because Demola told her that he needed her help with an assignment. As she entered his room which was decorated with paintings and posters of renowned American musicians, Demola entered the room looking for a drink to offer Keziah. He later found a drink and gave it to her and after some time she feel asleep, waking up noticing that she was on Demola’s bed with Demola beside her and saying “I am ruined”. This was when her life started to turn upside down. She was consoled by Stella who told her that she had a similar experience. She prevented talking to Demola and blamed him for cursing her life. She later discovered that the boy who ruined her life was found dead and this caused her to collapse. She was taken to the hospital and was discharged after some time. After the news that she was impregnated by a boy who was killed during cult activities reached her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richards , her father was furious and her mother was shocked. Her mother tried to console her and make her husband to calm down but her efforts in calming her husband was in vain. It reached a point that her father denied her and this convinced her to commit suicide. She was luckily saved by the doctors and her father learnt that he shouldn’t have acted like that to his only daughter. She was later given a second chance continue her studies in another school and live a peaceful life.

**DEMOLA:**

Demola was also known to be one of the main character in the play Good morning Sodom, Demola was a young boy who got influenced by friends in the university. Demola was so interested in Keziah that he was ready to do anything to get her, so he had to get her with the help of his friend K.K. K.K gave him a substance to drug her drink. Demola who was known to be a good guy did not want to use it, but he did it because he was very desperate to get Keziah , he used it on her and he was able to sleep with her. Demola also got involved in a secret cult called Red sparrows which his friend K.K influenced him to join. They went into their first operation and unfortunately he was shot dead by K.K mistakenly. His death affected many, and also a terrible one, he left Keziah who was pregnant for him, and also his family. Demola death served as a lesson to many young youths out there who belong to one dubious activity to another. Surrounding yourself with bad friends will one day lead to your destruction so be careful of the friends you hangout with.

**NKANGA NWOKO( a.k.a K.K):**

K.K was known to be a character in the play Good morning Sodom who was a bad influence to Demola. Most of the dubious crimes Demola did where all masterminded by K.K, when he called Demola's parents while he was in prison, he told them he was responsible for Demola’s death and bad behavior. He went further to tell them that he was the one who told Demola to live outside the university, giving the excuse that the school hostels where full. He was also the one who made Demola to join the secret cult Red Sparrows, which eventually led to his death. Parents should make sure friends like K.K are not around their children so as to prevent their children from being spoilt, like in the case of Demola. He paid the price of keeping bad friends with his life.

**3. What are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of GOOD MORNING, SODOM.**

**ANSWER**

Having examined the published version of Good Morning, Sodom by Dr. Solomon Edebor and the film version of the play, I have observed the following divergences between the published and film version of the play:

1. In the published version of the play, the scene where Demola came to meet Ovie and Bunmi after noticing that Keziah has not been coming to lectures, Ovie and Bunmi were said to be leaving the classroom but in the film version they were seated in the classroom when Demola came to talk to them.

2. In the written version of the play, Demola was said to be one of the new recruits that were joining the Red Shadows cult but in the film version of the play he was already a member of the cult.

3. In the written version of the play, both parents of Demola, Engr. and Mrs. Diran, came to meet K.K when he wanted to confess that he was the one responsible for destroying Demola's life but according to the film version of the play, Mrs. Diran was dead before K.K asked to see Demola's parents, so Mrs. Diran never appeared in the film version of the play.