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* Theme of peer influence: This theme is dominated by Demola the influence of his friends, Demola was negatively influenced by his friends and such influence had effect on him majorly due to lack of parental care. Demola was influenced by his friends to do things he himself wasn’t comfortable with, he raped Keziah who even happened to be his crush, he had no intention of doing so but peer influence had a negative effect on him. His friends made him take drugs and partake in illegal possession of firearms, membership of unlawful society and as stated earlier rape. His engagement with friends who had no positive value or effect in his life lead to his downfall, he dies in movement ten by an unintentional gunshot by his friend KK.

Peer influence specifically negative peer influence is something most youths should avoid especially during this time, any friendship that adds no value to our lives should not even be worthy of your time, to avoid a situation as Demola’s we should also avoid friends like Demola’s friends.

* Theme of inadequate parental care: this role is being dominated by Demola’s parents who show their lack of parental care and monitoring towards their child and we see the outcome of such actions. Demola was not monitored or checked on by his parents and as said in movement twenty-one were Demola’s parents feel guilty for not being or playing the role of parents in their sons life leaving if for KK to fill that role and causing the downfall of their son were Demola’s father Engineer Diran says “we never bothered to check up on him to know how he was doing in school and what his challenges were. And so his friend took our place”. KK becomes Demola’s mentor and Demola believes everything and does what ids said by KK whether he feels happy about it or not.

Parents should understand what roles they ought to play in the in the lives of their children and what values to be instilled in them, charity they say begins at home if children see that what they do is not talked about at home they don’t bother about how it affects others outside their home so whatever values instilled in children sticks with them, so therefore parents to learn to bring out time from their busy schedule to check up on their children.

* Effect of unlawful society: Unlawful participation of society or membership of unlawful has its effect and it is of a negative one and this theme is dominated by KK and his friends and their membership to the unlawful society causing the death of Demola. Demola was influenced by his friends to do things he wouldn’t normally do and influencing him to join a society that caused his downfall, he was killed in what is probably there first mission and the rich neglected boy lost his life on that terms.

 The effect of all those societies can cause one’s downfall and it can also affect people around us as it did to Demola’s parents who were devastated about the incident of their son and regretted that they neglected the boy. It is advised that children youths precisely and university students should try as much as possible to avoid any illegal activities and anything prohibited by the school to avoid problems.

* Theme of school negligence: This theme is stating the negligence and their inability of constituted authorities to take decisive steps towards curbing the activities or illegal activities going on in their school environment. Parents send their children to school expecting the school to keep an eye on the children and ensure that they help to instil a moral standard of living for their children but in the case of Demola and his friends, the school had no sanction our idea regarding the activities going on in the school and that alone can and has brought about a bad name for the school and it will take a long way for them to be able to clear the activities that is said to have been done in the school environment.

The school should be able to take responsibility for the children given to them by parents, parents ensure and entrust their children to the school authorities and the school is not able to account for the wellbeing of the child.

* Theme of moral decadence: This theme is more like a previously stated theme that illustrates the activities going on in our society, some of the things shown are things that happen in our day to day lives some things including cultism; drugs and so many others, these things are things are learnt from outside and brought into the other places for example cultism and drugs can be a normal endeavour for KK he brings up the idea with Demola and he picks up the unusual character and portrays it in the society. These characters or behaviours are things seen as right in the society as good or as most people call it a trend or flex and they believe that it isn’t wrong to participate in this things or activities.

Some of this behaviours should be stopped before it becomes too much and this is an opinion I suggest, parents to learn to look after their children and ensure that the behaviours instilled in them are still in place so as to also help stop all the unlawful and illegal activities in the society.

Characters of the play;

* Demola: a major character in this play is Demola, he is the son of Dr and Mrs Richards, he is from a rich background and because of this KK tries to be his friend because he realises that he is from a rich background. Demola happens to be a good boy who was just negatively influenced into doing things that he wouldn’t normally do. Demola loves Keziah but unfortunately the idea his friends gave him wasn’t a favourable one at all, he rapes Keziah and he regrets his actions but was has been done, has been done. Keziah refuses to accept his apology and he goes back to his friends complaining about the bad idea they gave him at first, Demola and his naïve self still takes on the advice of his friends and joins an unlawful society which cause his downfall, he dies at the end and his parents who neglected him become saddened by this news and regret their actions of neglecting their son, his friends are punished for their crimes but poor Demola’s soul rests in peace.
* Keziah: Keziah being the main character of the book “Good morning Sodom” she is a committed to her studies and loved by her mother and had a really busy father. She loses track at some point when Demola who she knows likes her and has been trying to get close to her, she loses track when she becomes close to him and he invites her to his house and unfortunately he rapes her, she goes crying to her friend Stella who comforts her. Few moths past she as well as her parents realises that she is pregnant and this makes her father very devastated not even taking care or showing his own daughter attention. She later on tries a suicide attempt but her father arrives in time to help and take her to the hospital and she and her baby survives, she gives birth and her parents suggests she goes on with her education which she does and every things becomes good for both her and her family again.

Divergence between the published and the film

* In the book, Demola’s mother is alive in the movie she is dead
* All charges and punishment were mentioned in the book while not all is mentioned in the movie it was a straight to the point case
* Keziah was found in her room when she attempted suicide but in the movie she was found in the kitchen area
* Demola in the book was one of the people to be initiated while in the movie he was already initiated.
* In the book not all the victims of the membership of unlawful society was mentioned while in the movie their names were mentioned.