

## AFE 122 ASSIGNMENT

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

- The impact of Sexual Violence:

The play highlighted the negative impact of sexual violence in the life of Keziah, a young bright girl who was raped after being tricked by her male friend who has shown his affection for her several times. Keziah lost her virginity to Demola through rape and couldn't even tell her parents because of the backlash and embarrassment it might cause for her parent.

Stella on the other hand, was raped by four boys which included the pastor's sons and their punishment was just few days behind the bars. Stella's mom was prevented from pressing charges when the influential elders of the church appealed to her. This is to show that justice wasn't served to the perpetrators.

This made Stella to lead a life of prostitution and she lost interest in the words of God, thanks to God intervention in her life she was able to heal her scars and traumatic experience. This was not the same for Keziah, after she was ostracized by her own father, she tried to commit suicide but was luckily saved.

The thematic thrust underscores the need for Justice for the victims of rape, creation of awareness to making rapist ashamed rather than the victims and the call for help for every victim of rape.

- The impact of Cultism in Nigerian Universities:

Demola was provided with every needed resources by his parents but lost his life after joining the Red shadows. The play shows that Cultism is a major social problem in Nigerian universities, and its effects is felt in every aspect of the academic community. The causes of cultism in Nigerian universities are multifaceted and complex, with social, economic, and political factors playing a major role. One major cause of cultism in Nigerian universities is the quest for power and control. Cult members often seek to dominate the social and political life of the university, using violence and intimidation to achieve their aims. By joining the cult, Demola got free access to illegal firearms and hard drugs.

The effects of cultism on Nigerian universities are far-reaching, with the academic and social lives of students being severely impacted. Cult-related violence has led to the loss of lives and property in Mayflower University.

The thematic thrust of the play encourages the need for possible solutions to the problem of cultism in Nigerian universities which include the enforcement of strict laws and regulations to prevent the formation and proliferation of cult groups. The government should also provide adequate security measures to protect students and staff from cult-related violence. Educational institutions should also create awareness campaigns.

- The Effects of Drug Abuse on Mental Health:

Drug abuse is a growing problem worldwide and has been linked to a range of mental health disorders. Substance abuse alters the normal functioning of the brain, leading to long-term changes in behavior and mood. This can cause a range of mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, and psychosis.

In the play, Good morning, Sodom, we can see that Demola uses drug to clear depression. Demola also drugged Keziah, He could have use date rape drugs, the most common date rape drugs in Nigeria include Rohypnol, Ketamine, and GHB. Date rape drugs are illegal substances that are used to intoxicate and incapacitate individuals in order to facilitate sexual assault.

In Nigeria, these drugs can be acquired through illegal means such as purchasing them on the black market or through dealers who may sell them in clubs or at parties. Just how Demola acquired the drug from K.K, a vicious cultist in Mayflower University.

It is vital to note that the use of these drugs is illegal and can have severe medical consequences, and it is important to educate individuals, especially women, on ways to protect themselves from such dangerous situations. Additionally, strong measures should be taken by the authorities to crack down on the illegal distribution of these drugs.

In conclusion, drug abuse is a growing problem that affects mental health. It is important to recognize the signs of mental health issues in individuals struggling with substance abuse and seek professional help to manage the condition. An integrated approach that combines behavioral therapy, medication, and holistic treatments is the best way to manage and treat mental health issues related to drug abuse.

- Negative Effects of Peer Pressure:

The chief characters, Keziah, Richard and Demola Diran are 200 level students in Mayflower University who were victims of Peer Pressure. Keziah starts out as a disciplined and focused student, but later falls victims of negative peer pressure. Ovie and Bunmi, Keziah's course mates, bring negative peer pressure to bear on her as they lead her into Demola's trap. Demola, too, suffers an ignominious death long before his time.

The play emphasized on the negative effective of Peer Pressure in the life of university students. Peer Pressure can affect a wide range of thoughts, actions and behaviors, from academic performance to substance use to mental health.

Negative peer pressure can encourage students to participate in negative behaviors and habits, such as:

- Skipping class
- Stealing
- Cheating

- Bullying
- Using drugs or alcohol

The issue of Peer pressure can be solved when parents teach their children how to set boundaries and be assertive in their communication and show ask them to think about what they would say in a negative situation, and practice saying no in different ways.

- Importance of Parents Involvement in the life of their children:

Research from the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education shares that “no matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school.”

Demola and Keziah suffer from lack of parent involvement in their college life. Keziah’s Dad is always too busy to visit or call and only supply money to his daughter forgetting that physical time play a huge role in ones life. Demola’s parents on the other hand, were too busy with their career and neglected their parental duties.

How can these problems be solved?

Parents should make an effort to be present around their children’s school are showing their kids that they care about their education—and that it’s important enough to deserve their attention. They should be very interested in their child school work.

- Persisting issues of Prostitution in Nigerian Universities:

This problem is the fact that most girls from disadvantaged homes in Nigeria who are in public tertiary institutions are forced to become sex workers so as to train

themselves in those schools that have kept hiking tuition fees but without commensurate upgrade of standards.

The play also project the life of Stella, Keziah's friend, who was a victim of rape and later became a prostitute due to the traumatic experience.

This issues can be solved by the government who also has a duty of setting regulations and implementing them in order to curb this phenomenon; they can also provide work study jobs and avenues for supporting talents. The school administration has a function of discouraging these acts as well.

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

- Keziah :

Keziah Richards, the daughter of Dr Aworawo Richards and Mrs Joke Richards, was a student in her late teens at the Mayflower University. She is the chief character and a victim of Peer pressure, rape and unwanted pregnancy.

According to the play, she happens to be more close to her mother because her father is always busy. When Demola approach Keziah, she didn't hesitate to say that she doesn't like him. This shows the level of discipline that the young lady has at the beginning of the play. After being raped by Demola, she could not tell either her father or her mother but they later found out because of her pregnancy.

Keziah tried to commit suicide after being ostracized by her own parents, luckily she was saved. At the end of the play she gained admission in University of Ibadan and gave birth to a beautiful daughter.

- Demola:

Demola Diran, the son of Engineer Diran and Mrs Diran, started as a college student who tried fruitlessly to win the heart of Keziah and ended as a member of Red Shadows Confraternity. Demola suffered greatly from peer pressure and Drug

Abuse as he was under the influence of K.K who was also a member of the Red shadows Confraternity.

Demola moved out the hostel to live as a off campus student, raped and drugged Keziah under the influence of K.K. Demola faced a tragic death after he was unintentionally killed by his mentor, K.K. He ended up having a daughter with Keziah.

- Stella

Stella, Keziah's roommate and friend, was a victim of rape and prisoner to her traumatic experience. She emphasized on the importance of preservation of one's virginity in the Sixth Movement where she also talked about the fact that she was raped when she was fourteen years by the Pastor's sons and their friends.

Justice wasn't served to the people who even preach Justice and fairness. She ventured into prostitution because she felt dirty and used but thanks to God intervention she was able to recover from the emotional trauma.

1. What are the points of divergence between the published and the film version of GOOD MORNING, SODOM?
  - Character : Keziah's daughter in the published version of Good morning, Sodom who was named Mouritha had her name changed to Heritage Demola- Diran in the film version.
  - Setting: The setting of Good Morning, Sodom was said to be Mayflower University in the book but the film version revealed that it was the Mayflower University in Ugbedor, Nigeria. This university was a fictional piece as it doesn't exist in reality.

- Dialogue: There was some conversations that were added in the film version of Good Morning, Sodom, which includes :
  1. In the Thirteenth Movement of the book Good Morning, Sodom, some new conversations were added in the film version. In the film version, the DPO told the IPO to hasten with the investigation, duplicate the case file, send a copy to the DPP for advice and to round up the investigation as soon as possible in order to commence prosecution.
  2. The court scene in the film version had the conversation reduced, this was probably to reduce the time length of the movie.
  3. The Sixteenth Movement of the book Good Morning, Sodom, ended with Keziah overhearing her Father and Mother conversation and going to bed with tears while in the Film version, Mrs Richards consoled her by saying “ Your Daddy still loves you, stop crying and don’t hurt yourself.”