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TOPIC: ATTEMPT AN INCISIVE INTERROGATION OF SOLOMON A. EDEBOR’S GOOD MORNING SODOM, UNDERLYING THEMATIC THRUSTS THE DRAMA ENGAGES AND ATTEMPT A DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSES OF THREE CHARACTERS.

FIVE THEMES IN THE PALY GOOD MORNING SODOM.

1. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PEER PRESSURE: Negative peer pressure usually involves influence that sways people toward risky activity such as criminal behavior, underage drinking, drug use and an overall unhealthy lifestyle. In the play ‘’GOOD MORNING SODOM’’, the theme negative peer pressure was one of the main themes due to the use of it in the drama by the dramatist. It was seen at the beginning of the book howDemolawas applying pressure on Keziah to be his friend. Keziah was known to be a focused girl in the school and she made sure she was not distracted from the things happening around her. But things did not go as planned for because she was deceived by Demola. On the other hand, Demola was influence by his friends who taught him on how to get Keziah and how to get away with things from his parents without them finding out. This negative impact on peer pressure made Demola lost his life at the end when he was mistakenly shot by one of his friends. One would have said that if Demola was not influenced negatively he would not have drug Keziah and he would still be alive.
2. LACK OF ADEQUATE PARENTAL CARE AND MONITORING: Lack of parental care and monitoring means when parents are not in the child’s life. This has affected the life of most teens in the world. Lack of parental care is one of the main theme in the play.

In the play, the both parents (RICHARD’S AND DIRAN’S FAMILY) were not fully present in the life of their children.

In the Richard family, only the mother would go and visit her daughter and not even all the time, but the father was never presence always on a business trip. A child does not only needs her mother loves she needs but her mother and father love. If Keziah parents were always checking up on her and monitoring her movement, she would not have fallen into the trap of Demola by having unwanted pregnancy at a very young age.

In the Diran family, they believe money is everything which is not so. Parent love and care is very important in a child life. If they have been a good and responsible parents to demola by always checking up on him and monitoring his movement in school he would not have been easily influenced by his so called friends and then making him commits some atrocities that eventually led to his death. This shows that both parents failed in their roles and responsibilities of looking and taking care of their children.

1. The evil of cultism: This is shown in movement eight of the play, when they introduce the first cult group of the play called ‘’RED SHADOW’’. The leader K.K was seen explaining that they are in a cult war with another cult group called the ‘’SPARROW’’, and the new members were asked to drink blood to show that they now belong to the group. The evil of this is that it cut short ones life and even leads to expulsion from school. We could see how demola life was short cut by being killed mistakenly by his friend in his own group. This shows that cultism is evil and no one should join it.
2. The theme of Betrayal: This was explain in the sixth movement of the play. When stella was raped by the pastor’s sons (family friend) and also when demola drugged Keziah(a friend of his)

CHARACTERS

1. KEZIAH RICHARDS: Keziah, one of the main protagonist, in the drama, she is a female undergraduate and she is the only child of her parents. She is a 200lvl student of May flower university. As Keziah enter school, she made a vow to herself that she was not going to entertain any form of distraction. She was known to be a very disciplined and hardworking student but due to peer pressure, it leads to the beginning of her downfall. She was raped by the so called demola who tried to be friends with her and she got pregnant because of that. She had to stop school because of the pregnancy. Her father didn’t show her any affection because of the pregnancy which she and her mum decided to keep. This led to her attempted suicide but luckily, she and her baby survived. She eventually gave birth to a daughter and after that she was started her studies in 200lvl in university of ibadan.
2. DEMOLA DIRAN: Demolais a boy who once had a vision but was swayed by peer pressure which led to his sudden death. He was in love with Keziah and he tried to get her attention but was later mislead by his so called friends. He is the only child of his parents and he lacked good parental care and monitoring. He was influenced by his friends and later join a cult group which to his untimely death. He was the one who raped and drug Keziah in his house.

STELLA: This is Keziah’s favorite roommates and a trusted friend of hers. She had lost her faith in God because of a tragic incidents(RAPE) that happened to her seven years ago by her pastor’s sons and family friend. Two years later after the incidents she later got her faith back in God because of the two dream she had during that year. She is also a student of May Flower university.

**3.THE POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE DIVERGENCE BETWWN THE BOOK AND THE MOVIE VERSION OF GOOD MORNING SODOM**

1. One point to be considered was that the movie is more explanatory and descriptive unlike the book . The movie sheds more lights on imageries of the scenes.
2. One other point to consider is that the movie is more communicative rather than the book.
3. Another point to consider was that the emotion were more real and felt throught the movie than the book which is good morning sodom .
4. One other point to consider for the divergence of the book and the movie was that the movie was more enjoyable