

AFE 122

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BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

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THE THEMES OF GOOD MORNING SODOM:

1. THE THEME OF PEER PRESSURE: based on the character in the book demola, he was pressured by his peers into doing things he wouldn't normally do or was raised to do which included rape, drugs and being in a cult and in the end the repercussions were expulsion, shame , embarrassment and even his death. This thing peer pressure has been in our society for a while and is a nuisance, what happened to demola basically gives a brief description on how peer pressure does a lot of damages to young students... not only that but just like what happened to demola one of the major factors is neglectful parenting which results in students and children finding acceptance and role models in people who are offering to give it to them which in most cases are not in their right favours.
2. THE THEME OF BAD PARENTING: based on the book (Dr aworawo Richards and mrs joke Richards)keziahs parents and (Engineer diran and mrs diran)demolas parents will be used as our case study. Keziahs parents in the books chose a bad way of reacting to their daughter being pregnant resulting to her trying to kill herself, this is not far from what happens in our society as some parents

put way to much pressure and unrealistic standards which results in their children finding ways to cope or trying to end this all by either running away and later dying from known or unknown causes or them plain out killing themselves. As for demolas parents in the book they were neglectful of what happens to their son and never involved in his matter, they never acted like parents that care and didn't even find out why he decided to move out of campus, they were only focused on making money and giving him the thigs he needs they never made him a priority and this is very common in this generation which resulted in him dying from trying to find "parents" that care for him.

3. THE THEME OF TEEN PREGNANCY AND RAPE: this is one of the major problems in our society as people need to know that sometimes when teenagers get pregnant its not on purpose as some are a result of rape just like in the book keziah was forcefully taken advantage of by someone she trusted and as a result got pregnant and was shunned by her family for it which resulted in her trying to commit suicide. This should be a lesson in the fact that even though it was the girls fault or not it has already been done and nothing can be

done about it. The parents or guardians should try as much as possible to support her and the child, to avoid future regret involving them.

4. THE THEME OF BAD FRIENDSHIP: this is one of the most underrated social problems in our society just like in the book *Ovie and Bunmi* were supposed to be Kezia's friends but instead they lead her into her doom by persuading her to meet Demola in his apartment and trying to convince her to give him a chance and this ended up in her getting pregnant, this is why people should be careful who they let inside and who they trust.
5. THE THEME OF CULTISM: this is one of the biggest problems we are currently trying to overcome in our society and Nigeria as a whole based on In the book the reasons people get drawn into cultism like Demola is loneliness, bad parenting but overall the wrong friends. Just like in the book there are consequences for joining cults or gangs and the overall consequences include death.

DETAILED CHARACTER ANALYSIS:

DR AWORAWO RICHARDS: this is a business man and a family lover who invests a lot into what he knows will yield a bountiful harvest and one of it was his daughter

keziah, who he knew was destined for a lot, hes a strong believer in what he feels is right, in a way that if things don't go the way he believes then it's the wrong way he doesn't like anything that tries to ruin his image that includes his daughter getting pregnant for none other than a dead cult member.

NKANGO NWOKO(a.k.a K.K): this is a cult member who I believe has a reason for doing a lot of things he does, including adding demola into his cult group, he tries to make a family out of people who don't have a family and he saw he was in need, even though he pressured him into doing things that he knew he wasn't comfortable doing but felt it was the right thing to do, hes also someone who owns up to what he does when he knows its wrong just like how he felt guilty after killing demola and confessed to his parents letting him know that he was the reason his son did all those things and is the reason hes dead even though he was caught.

STELLA: this is a God-fearing girl that even though she has been thru a lot which involves getting raped by 4 guys who were meant to be the pastors sons and people who should guide her closer to God, after that she fely betrayed and angry at God for letting something like that happen to his daughter, which led

her to become wayward, but was later brought back by that. Even though she went through all that she has always been a good friend to the people she considers close to her and that's very rare, made sure to try to keep her close friend and roommate Keziah from going through the trauma she went through.

POINTS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE WRITTEN AND FILMED VERSION OF THE PLAY

- When Dr. Solomon Edebor was having his class two students came in late and he sent them out angrily.
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