

## The Wave Summary and Analysis of Chapters 16-17

**Word bank: unemployment, never forget , announces , values, inflation , angry parents , national leader, fire, beg, frustrated, embarrassed , caught up , atrocities, plan members, , image, , apologize, , sobbing, fascism experiment, confusion, prioritize**

Principal Owens is tired of hearing from \_\_\_\_\_ and wants Mr. Ross to stop The Wave. However, Mr. Ross asks for just one more day to teach the students “a lesson they will “\_\_\_\_\_” (123). Principal Owens agrees, but threatens to \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ross if The Wave gets any further out of hand.

In class, Mr. Ross \_\_\_\_\_ that The Wave is part of a national movement to turn the country around. He tells the students that through the \_\_\_\_\_ of The Wave, they will be able to solve problems like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He adds that this afternoon, there will be a Wave rally where the

students will hear from the movement's \_\_\_\_\_.

The students in the class are enthusiastic, except for Laurie and David. They think that Mr. Ross has gone back on his promise to end The Wave. Mr. Ross puts Robert in charge of the class and escorts Laurie and David to the principal's office. On the way there, he explains that this is all part of his \_\_\_\_\_ to end The Wave.

Laurie and David don't believe Mr. Ross. When they get to Principal Owens's office, they \_\_\_\_\_ him to stop The Wave, but he tells them not to worry about it and sends them back to class. \_\_\_\_\_, Laurie and David skip school for the rest of the day. David confides in Laurie that he is \_\_\_\_\_ that he got so taken in by The Wave. She reminds him that there are good things about The Wave, too, and it's not his fault he got \_\_\_\_\_ in it like everyone else.

Laurie and David talk more about how scary The Wave is. They remember their discussion after seeing the concentration camp movie. David had said that such

\_\_\_\_\_ could never happen again, but now Laurie isn't so sure. They decide to sneak into the Wave rally to see what Mr. Ross has planned.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ross heads to the gym for the rally. Students are outside, checking membership cards to make sure that only Wave \_\_\_\_\_ are allowed in. Christy drops by to wish him luck. Inside the gym, the students spontaneously begin to chant The Wave's \_\_\_\_\_ as Alex and Carl set up the film on the projector. Meanwhile, David and Laurie try to enter the gym but the doors are locked. They are able to slip in during the \_\_\_\_\_ that ensues after a student gets angry that the televised address hasn't come on yet.

Eventually, Mr. Ross begins his speech. On the televisions, the concentration camp film begins to play. "There is your leader!" (134) he says, pointing to an \_\_\_\_\_ of Adolf Hitler. He lectures the students, explaining that they would have been "good Nazis" (135) and they must never \_\_\_\_\_ the will of the group over their own freedom.

The students are stunned and ashamed of themselves, and they slink guiltily out of the gym.

Laurie and David approach Mr. Ross after the rally. They thank him for the lesson and \_\_\_\_\_ for not trusting him. He thanks them and apologizes for not telling them his plan. He explains that while The Wave was successful in teaching the students about\_\_\_\_\_, he does not think he will repeat the experiment next year. Laurie and David leave, and Mr. Ross is left alone with his thoughts.

Or so he thinks. He turns around and sees that one person is left in the room. Robert is quietly \_\_\_\_\_ to himself. Mr. Ross feels guilty about how the \_\_\_\_\_ has affected his worst student. He tells him he looks good in a suit and invites him to dinner. "There are some things I think we should talk about" (138), he says to Robert.