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

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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

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_____ 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.

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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.

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