

# The Wave by Morton Rhue

These review questions cover characters, setting, symbolism, literary devices, and themes.

## Characters

1. Who is the main character in \*The Wave\*?
  - a) David Collins
  - b) Laurie Saunders
  - c) Ben Ross
  - d) Robert Billings
2. What is Ben Ross's job at the school?
  - a) Principal
  - b) History teacher
  - c) Science teacher
  - d) Sports coach
3. Which student is often called "the class loser"?
  - a) Brian Ammon
  - b) David Collins
  - c) Robert Billings
  - d) Laurie Saunders
4. Who is Laurie's boyfriend?
  - a) Robert Billings
  - b) Brian Ammon
  - c) David Collins
  - d) Carl Block
5. Which character becomes one of the most enthusiastic supporters of \*The Wave\*?
  - a) Laurie Saunders

- b) Robert Billings
  - c) David Collins
  - d) Amy Smith
6. Who challenges The Wave and writes an article for the school newspaper?
- a) Laurie Saunders
  - b) Amy Smith
  - c) David Collins
  - d) Brian Ammon
7. Which character is Ben Ross's wife?
- a) Laurie Saunders
  - b) Christy Ross
  - c) Amy Smith
  - d) Mrs. Saunders
8. Who is the football team quarterback?
- a) David Collins
  - b) Brian Ammon
  - c) Carl Block
  - d) Robert Billings

## Setting

9. Where does the story take place?
- a) In a university
  - b) In a high school
  - c) In a middle school
  - d) In a military camp
10. In which class does Ben Ross introduce \*The Wave\*?
- a) Science
  - b) Mathematics

c) History

d) English

11. What historical event is Mr. Ross teaching about when he starts \*The Wave\* experiment?

a) The American Revolution

b) World War II

c) The Vietnam War

d) The Cold War

12. In which state is Gordon High School located?

a) California

b) Texas

c) New York

d) Ohio

## Symbolism

13. What does \*The Wave\* salute symbolize?

a) Teamwork

b) Unity and loyalty

c) Love

d) Rebellion

14. What does \*The Wave\* slogan "Strength through Discipline" emphasize?

a) Freedom

b) Obedience and order

c) Creativity

d) Individuality

15. What is the symbol of \*The Wave\*?

a) A raised fist

b) A wave

- c) A lightning bolt
  - d) A star
16. What does Laurie's refusal to join \*The Wave\* symbolize?
- a) Fear
  - b) Rebellion and independence
  - c) Confusion
  - d) Loyalty
17. What does Robert's transformation in \*The Wave\* symbolize?
- a) The need for friendship
  - b) The desire for popularity
  - c) The danger of losing individuality
  - d) The power of discipline

## Literary Devices

18. What literary device is used when \*The Wave\* takes control of the students?
- a) Foreshadowing
  - b) Irony
  - c) Metaphor
  - d) Hyperbole
19. Which literary device is present when the students follow \*The Wave\* without questioning it?
- a) Simile
  - b) Symbolism
  - c) Irony
  - d) Personification
20. What is the tone of \*The Wave\* when the experiment starts?
- a) Light-hearted and fun
  - b) Serious and tense

- c) Mysterious and dark
  - d) Romantic and emotional
21. What is the climax of the story?
- a) When Ben Ross starts \*The Wave\*
  - b) When Laurie writes the newspaper article
  - c) When Ben Ross reveals the truth about \*The Wave\* at the final rally
  - d) When David and Laurie argue about \*The Wave\*
22. Which literary device is present in the slogan "Strength through Unity"?
- a) Simile
  - b) Alliteration
  - c) Metaphor
  - d) Onomatopoeia
23. What is the effect of the third-person point of view in \*The Wave\*?
- a) It limits the reader's perspective
  - b) It helps the reader understand all characters' thoughts
  - c) It only shows Mr. Ross's perspective
  - d) It adds confusion

## Themes

24. What is the main theme of \*The Wave\*?
- a) The power of friendship
  - b) The importance of education
  - c) The danger of groupthink and conformity
  - d) The need for discipline
25. What lesson does Ben Ross learn from \*The Wave\* experiment?
- a) Leadership is difficult
  - b) Students don't like change
  - c) It's easy for people to lose their individuality in a group

- d) He is a bad teacher
26. Which theme is reflected in Robert Billings's behavior?
- a) The desire for equality
  - b) The need for recognition
  - c) The search for truth
  - d) The rejection of rules
27. What theme is explored through the students' loyalty to \*The Wave\*?
- a) Blind obedience
  - b) The importance of family
  - c) Courage
  - d) Trust
28. How does \*The Wave\* demonstrate the dangers of absolute power?
- a) By showing how Ben Ross controls the school
  - b) By showing how quickly people can follow without thinking
  - c) By focusing on football team politics
  - d) By emphasizing how students become more responsible
29. How does the story of \*The Wave\* relate to real historical events?
- a) It shows how revolutions start
  - b) It explores the rise of dictatorships, like Nazi Germany
  - c) It explains how democracy works
  - d) It compares schools to the military
30. What theme is expressed through Laurie's decision to stand against \*The Wave\*?
- a) Bravery and individuality
  - b) Fear and weakness
  - c) Hope and happiness
  - d) Friendship and love