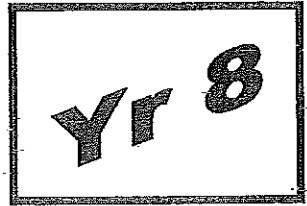


KEY STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT SHEET



Name: Jeremy Ng.....

Unit Title:	NOVEL		
Date:			
Core Targets :			
1. To use personality adjectives to describe character.	✓		
2. To use PEA (Point, Evidence, Analysis) to structure paragraphs.	✓		

Student's Comment:

1. I think the best thing about my essay is the introduction
 2. because I think I summarized the characters well.

2. One thing I need to work on is the conclusion.

I have checked my spelling, punctuation and expression. Signed Jeremy.....

Teacher's Comment: *Your essay has a clear structure and you show a good understanding of characters.*

TARGET : *You need to... develop analysis for her!*

Indicate titles correctly - underline

The Wave

Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Morton Rhue uses three characters in The Wave to show this. Laurie is constructed as self-reliant and bright and the reader is positioned to respond to her in a positive way. Mr. Ross is represented as charismatic and self-assured, and the reader understands that he is a very important character in the novel. Robert is constructed as sad and lonely, and the reader is positioned to respond to him in a negative way. These three characters show that power used in the right hands can teach, but power can also destroy.

In the beginning of the novel Laurie is constructed as a smart, popular girl, but by the end of the novel, the reader can see that she is selfless, independent and brave. In the beginning of the novel Laurie thinks that The Wave could be used as a force of good, but at the end of the novel she quickly realizes that The Wave is transforming her friends into people she barely recognize. "As usual, there were two papers, Laurie Saunders's and Amy Smith's. This quotation shows that both Amy and Laurie are exceptionally smart. The author uses the words "as usual" to tell the reader how often Laurie and Amy get As. "It was just this creepy feeling she'd begun to get, the feeling that maybe they should be careful with The Wave." This shows the reader that Laurie realized that The Wave was dangerous before any of the students.

Robert is constructed as a sad, lonely boy who is the class loser, and the reader understands that he has no confidence or self-esteem. Before The Wave, Robert was an underachiever and an outcast, living in the shadow of his older brother, but during The Wave he was welcomed and included. Due to this, Robert was one of the only people who really stood to lose anything when The Wave was disbanded. "Seeing that he could never compete with his brother's achievements, Robert has apparently decided that it was better not to even try." This quote shows that since he thinks his brother's skills far surpass his own, he has given up on his studies and instead slacks off in class. After Mr. Ross had given his speech, he saw Robert "leaning against one of the television sets, tears running down his face". This quote shows that Robert was one of the only people who lost anything after The Wave.

You could also include language analysis

Mr. Ross is shown as charismatic and creative, and he is an important character because without him, The Wave wouldn't exist. At the beginning of The Wave, Mr. Ross uses The Wave to give his students a taste of what it would be like in Germany in World War II, but ends up taking it too far. "I might be giving them the most important lesson of their lives." This quote shows the reader that Mr. Ross believes that he is giving his students an important lesson. "I realize now that I have made a mistake. A history class is not a science lab. You can't experiment with human beings." This quote shows the reader that Mr. Ross has realized that he has gone too far with The Wave. The author uses "science lab" to associate The Wave with something detached and scientific, like an experiment.

In The Wave Morton Rhue uses the theme of The Wave, a group that the students of Gordon High blindly follow, to show that power is not to be abused, and that you should never put the beliefs of the group over your own morals. If this experiment were recreated in any school, it would have the same effect and results, making The Wave an extremely powerful force.