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## The Wave Study Guide

Use these study guide questions, the discussion questions from Thursday, the plot diagram, and the character maps that we completed to help you study for this test.

1. **Where does the opening scene take place? What does it tell you about the character Laurie?** It takes place in the Grapevine Publications Office at Gordon Middle School. It tells you that Laurie is a writer for the school paper.
2. **What is Ben Ross' reputation as a teacher and how does it change when the Wave is introduced?** He is known for being well liked by the students. His class is interesting. This changes when the Wave is introduced because he acts more like a drill sergeant.
3. **What concerns does Ben Ross have about his students?** He is worried because they don't like to do homework and their papers are always sloppy. MOTIVATION!
4. **Analyze the metaphor about Robert Billings, "Gordon High's very own Untouchable." What does it mean?** That he is an outcast.
5. **Contrast Laurie and David's reaction to the film about Hitler.** Laurie was very sad and noticeably upset about the film. David said that it was terrible, but something in the past that would never happen again.
6. **What is bothering Ross, and what does he intend to do about it?** He is bothered by the fact that he can't answer the questions that the students had about the film on the Holocaust. He plans to create a classroom experiment that lets the students see what life was like in Nazi Germany.
7. **How does Ross' wife describe him?** Obsessive, he over does it sometimes and gets too into his projects.
8. **How does Ross plan to implement his idea to recreate a situation similar to Hitler's control in Germany?** He starts a club called the Wave that is focused on discipline and power. He is the leader.
9. **What is the significance of the statement about Robert Billings, "The new head of the class"?** It is odd because Robert was the "untouchable" before the Wave.
10. **Why does David want to introduce The Wave to the football team?** He wants to introduce it to the team because they have no discipline. People are always late to practice and not motivated. He hopes that the Wave will unify them as a team.
11. **Do the techniques of The Wave strengthen the football team?** Yes, they work together as a team but they still lose the game against Clarkstown.
12. **What is the motto of The Wave?** Strength through Discipline, Strength through Community, Strength through Action.
13. **What are Mrs. Saunders' concerns about The Wave?** She is worried that people won't think for themselves and that in the Wave you cannot be an individual.
14. **How does Laurie feel about her mother's concerns?** She thinks her mom is overreacting.
15. **What are some positive aspects of the Wave that Mr. Ross wants to continue?** The students are working harder in class than ever before, people are seen as equals, and they are working as a team.
16. **Explain the foreshadowing statement "Sometimes they (young, impressionable kids) can take something too far if they're not watched."** It is saying that these kids are going to take the Wave too far and do something that they regret if Mr. Ross doesn't end it.

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17. **Why does Ross allow Robert to become his bodyguard?** He says that it makes Robert feel part of something special.
18. **Why did Brian and Deutsch fight?** They were originally fighting over who should be the first-string quarterback on the football team. It turns into a fight about the Wave because Deutsch says that the Wave is stupid. **What was David's explanation of it?** He said that it was just an accident, they carried it too far.
19. **What impact do *the Grapevine* articles have on Gordon High?** It makes people realize that the Wave is not all good. It helps them to understand to question before blindly following a leader.
20. **Analyze the symbolism of Laurie "standing alone in the library" after Amy gets angry during their discussion and leaves.** It symbolizes that she is alone in her fight against the Wave.
21. **Do you think Laurie's fear as she leaves the high school at night is justified or not?** She is probably just scared because of all the things that have been going on. There probably wasn't anyone following her. **Have you ever felt like that?**
22. **Describe how Mr. Ross ends the Wave.** He puts all of the Wave members into the auditorium and tells them that if they had a leader it would have been Adolf Hitler. He gets them to understand that history will repeat itself if we aren't careful and if we don't think for ourselves.
23. **Did Ross/The Wave influence Robert Billings? If yes, describe how.** Yes, Robert felt accepted and learned that he could be a part of a group.
24. **List three social messages that are communicated through this book and describe them.**
  - a. The power of peer pressure to persuade you to do things that you are unsure of.
  - b. Compromise/Non-compromise in dating relationships when faced with difficult decisions.
  - c. Too much discipline is dangerous because people will always get power hungry.