

The Wave Essay Assessment

Ben Ross intended The Wave to be an experiment to give his History class “... a taste of what life in Nazi Germany might have been like.” Discuss how successful this experiment was.

- Introduction. Explain what you intend to discuss. Write a brief plot summary of ‘The Wave’
- Explain what period of history the class was studying. What do the students find shocking? (Chapter 2) What questions do the students have? (pages 15-16)
- Write about why Ben Ross decides to try an experiment on his class. (pages 24-26)
- Discuss how his experiment begins and the effect it has on the class. (pages 27-32)
- Write about how and why The Wave spreads to students outside Ben Ross’ History class. (pages 38-40)
- Look at the parents’ reactions to the experiment. (pages 42-43, pages 58-59, p95)
- Discuss the positive and negative effects The Wave has on its members’ studies.
- Include Ben Ross’ feelings about his experiment as The Wave becomes a phenomenon. (p53, p62, p66, p81, p85, p95)
- Look at the negative effect The Wave has on some students. (pages 63-64, pages 69-70, p73, p76, p89)
- Discuss how effectively Ben Ross ends The Wave (pages 102-107)
- Discuss how successful The Wave was as an experiment. Did Ben Ross achieve what he hoped to achieve? Did he teach them things that he never intended to? How much did the students learn from the experiment? Do you think that The Wave was a good way to learn about modern History?