Essay question: The Wave

Pick one topic from the list below. Develop a 5-paragraph essay that fully addresses the prompt, using direct quotes and examples from the book. Be sure the direct quotes are properly credited to the author using APA or MLA format, whichever you prefer. The essay need not be in any particular format, though it must follow the 5-paragraph template. You are writing your rough draft today and will be finishing the essay in the next class. This is not a take home assignment, though you certainly can give it some thought at home.

Key points to remember:

* do not put yourself in the essay. No use of “I”.
* Make sure you include the title, author and a brief summary of the book in your intro paragraph before stating your thesis and main points
* The body of your paper should follow the same organization as stated in your intro.
* Watch out for run-on sentences, fragments, comma splices, etc.

**How does Mr. Ross manipulate his students into accepting The Wave? Why are they so enthusiastic about it?**

**Compare and contrast Laurie’s and David’s reactions to The Wave.**

**How does The Wave change Mr. Ross’s personality? Does it make him a better teacher or a worse one?**

**What is the difference between adults and teenagers in the novel? Are teenagers more vulnerable to The Wave because they are young?**

**Why is Laurie successful in standing up to The Wave?**