

Synopsis for Final Exam

The play begins with Mr. Miller leading his students through a typical classroom lecture. The students have not done their homework, which is unfortunately fairly typical. Most of the students struggle to see the point of homework as well as exams, as they will soon know all the answers anyway, due to aliens coming to Earth, bringing the Process, which will add humans into the Hive Mind. Most students have made their peace with this, aside from Colin who is deeply resentful his parents wouldn't let him move to Whitehorse (one of the few places where humans will not be coerced into the Hive Mind).

While Mr. Miller attempts to keep the class focused, the students are more interested in discussing the implications of the Process. When Ms. Renard bursts into the classroom to tell Mr. Miller the aliens are arriving ahead of schedule, all pretence of normality is lost. The teachers launch into a debate with the students about assimilation into the Hive Mind, particularly what this would mean for personal privacy.

Then one of the Visitors enters the classroom and events come to a climax. Colin seizes an opportunity to be a hero but somewhat inadvertently becomes the first student to become part of the Hive Mind. Ms. Renard takes the opportunity to try to convince Mr. Miller to escape with her to Whitehorse. He is torn between his duty to his students and a newly awakened sense of self-preservation. When Britney, one of the other students, volunteers to be next to undergo the Process (in a very misguided attempt to act on her crush on Mr. Miller), the teachers make their escape. The remaining students, seeing the side effects of transformation of Colin and Britney, begin to question their former acceptance of going through the Process, but it is too late.