Our Country’s Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Top ten features

Working in pairs:

1. Read the list of features below and add an extra point of your own choice if you like.

2. Now rank order the features from one to ten, starting with the one that best characterises the play for you.

3. For your top three features, find evidence from the text to support and explain your choices.

4. Justify your choice to the rest of the group, making use of the evidence you have found.

This is a play:

• whose title has a double meaning
• about attitudes to crime and punishment then and now
• containing at least one love story
• about power and conflict
• with a distinctive historical and geographical setting
• about justice and morality
• with a strong sense of hierarchy
• using a ‘play within a play’ to convey a message
• exploring cultural differences
• with important and interesting scene titles and stage directions
• In which ……………………………………… (not listed above) is important.

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