Psychology 110 Assignment #3

Questions on Jonestown Documentary (There is a link on the last slide of the power point to view the documentary)

After watching the documentary, answer or discuss the following questions.

1. The situation at Jonestown (and with Jim Jones in general) is an example of the social influence theory of hypnosis. Discuss this using examples. How was one person able to exert so much power over so many individuals?
2. What is a key characteristic that a lot of Jim Jones followers shared? What made them easy to pull in?
3. Should Jim Jones have been held responsible for the death of over 900 people? Give me your opinion on this.
4. When you see some of the interviews with the people that were away on that day, or escaped, psychologically what do you see in them? Explain the impact that this had on them.