I Go Along

The story " I Go Along," by Richard Peck, is about a boy named Gene whohas changed his attitude while going on a class trip to see a poet.Throughout the story, the title is relative in various ways to the context ofthe story itself and represents many themes, such as dependence andconformity and most importantly, the idea that it is vital to make decisionbased on your own thoughts instead of following the crowd.By looking at the title of the story, "I Go Along," the readers can directlyobtain a sense associated with dependence and conformity.This sense isquickly explored at the beginning of the story as Gene "goes along" thecrowd as " everybody in the class puts up their hands (para.8)" when histeachers asks them to go to a poetry reading.Gene's reaction of raising hishand without thinking, going along with the class demonstrates that heplays a role as a follower instead of a leader in his everyday life.The title ofthe story successfully makes a connection with Gene's dependent and

