

Identifying Reasons

Answer the following questions about your character. Use what you know about how he or she acts, speaks to other character, and thinks. You may re-read your text to help you with your responses.

How did people or situations influence the character I'm writing about?

Why does he or she change?

Explain what will continue to hold him or her back?

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Using the questions you just answered about your character, push your thinking to explain why your claim is true. This is separate than the initial evidence you previously found. Each explanation becomes a reason, which could later serve as the topic sentence of each body paragraph.

Text Title:

Claim:

My claim is true because.....

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3