

Character Letter Assignment and Rubric

Choose one of the secondary characters from *Wonder*—Via, Summer, Jack, or Miranda—and write a letter to him or her explaining how your feelings and opinions toward him or her changed over the course of the book. In your letter, be sure to focus on a few key actions or statements that you were able to interpret differently once you had information from the character’s perspective. Use the concepts of *sympathy*, *empathy*, and *compassion* to help explain how and why your attitudes changed over the course of the book.

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
Content	The letter addresses several significant shifts in attitude and links them to specific examples from the book.	The letter addresses at least one significant shift in attitude and links it to examples in the book.	The letter addresses a shift in attitude that may not be particularly significant and may be linked to the book in only general way.
Use of academic language/concepts	The letter uses the concepts of sympathy, empathy, and/or compassion accurately and to convey specific meaning related to the author’s main points.	The letter uses the concepts of sympathy, empathy, and/or compassion accurately, but they may not convey specific meaning related to the author’s main points.	The letter uses the concepts of sympathy, empathy, and/or compassion somewhat inaccurately, and their use may confuse the author’s main points.
Tone and editing	The author uses a consistent tone appropriate for a friendly letter and edits the letter carefully for standard spelling, usage and punctuation.	The author’s tone maybe be somewhat inconsistent, but is mainly appropriate for a friendly letter. The letter may contain a few errors, major or minor, in standard spelling, usage, and punctuation.	The author’s tone is inconsistent and inappropriate for a friendly letter. The letter may contain several errors in spelling, usage, and punctuation that detract from the meaning of the letter.