Character Evolution
Reflection Essay

Now that you have charted the changes of your character, you will reflect on these changes in a short (1-2 page) essay. Your essay will include:

- An explanation of each of your character’s defining moments. Explain these moments to the reader and write about how they affected your character or demonstrated a change in your character.

- A discussion of the direction of your character’s evolution. Did your character’s defining moments improve him, or hurt him? Did he move steadily in one direction, or were there ups and downs?

- The five quotes from your organizer. Use these to support your discussion of your character’s defining moments. You may shorten long quotes.

Remember:

- Write an introduction that grabs your reader’s attention, introduces your main ideas, and gives a thesis statement.

- Use transitions between paragraphs and create new paragraphs when your idea changes.

- Write a conclusion that restates (not repeats) your thesis statement.

- Wrap up your main ideas, but do not introduce new arguments/support in your conclusion.

- Follow MLA format. Don’t forget page numbers for quotes!

- Use your Character Evolution Reflection Essay Rubric to make sure you include everything you need for a great paper.