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Constructed Response 3

**Independent Book – Plot and Theme**

Prompt: What is a central theme of your independent book? How does the author use PLOT to develop the theme?

**Claim:** ONE SENTENCE – What is the central theme of your text (include title and author). What element of plot develops this theme (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, conflict, essential episodes, dialogue)? Use p. 56,58,60 to help with examples. Be sure that this is ONE SENTENCE (use a semicolon to combine, if needed) and that it is in third person point of view (no I, me, my, etc.).

**SAMPLES:**

In *Romiette and Julio* by Sharon Draper, the central theme, love can motivate people to overcome fear, is developed through conflict when Romiette faces her fear of water and Luis Montague and Cornelle Cappelle overcome their fear of the unknown.

Sharon Draper develops the theme love can motivate people to overcome fear in her novel *Romiette and Julio*; Draper uses conflicts between Romiette and her fear of water and the fathers and their fear of the unknown to develop this theme.

**Example 1** (see sample on back):

1. Provide context from the story to explain what is going on.
2. Blend your evidence from the text and provide a proper citation (Author’s Last name and page number).
3. Provide reasoning: How does this example prove that PLOT develops the theme?

**SAMPLE:**

For example, conflict develops the theme that love can motivate people to overcome fear when Romiette and Julio find themselves in London Woods Lake. Romiette is scared of water, but the love between Romiette and Julio helps her to overcome this fear. The Devildogs put them in a dangerous situation when they tie the characters in a boat and send them into the water with no oars. Julio comforts Romiette by saying, “*Te amo.*  I love you! You’re not going to die” (Draper 265). Through this person vs. self conflict of Romiette vs. her fear of water, Draper illustrates that love motivates people to overcome their fears because Romiette uses her love for Julio to jump out of the boat and try to swim to safety.

Example 2:

1. Provide context from the story to explain what is going on.
2. Blend your evidence from the text and provide a proper citation (Author’s Last name and page number).
3. Provide reasoning: How does this example prove that PLOT develops the theme?

Conclusion Sentences:

1. Summarize examples and how they develop the theme (DO NOT say THIS IS WHY).
2. How is this theme important outside of this piece of literature?

**SAMPLE:**

Through Romiette’s decision to trust Julio and overcome her fear of water, and through the fathers’ choice to work through their preconceived notions about the children in order to effectively search for Romiette and Julio, Draper clearly depicts that love can motivate people to overcome fears and work through difficult situations. People must dig deep to find motivation that will help them to overcome the hurdles in life.