

EC Goodwin Summer Reading

EXAMPLE for Character Trading Card Exemplar

Book: *Tears of a Tiger*

Author: Sharon Draper

<p>Character: Andy Jackson</p>	
<p>A. Appearance & Personality:</p> <p>1-Andy is tall, African American boy</p> <p>2-He has a big nose and thick bushy eyebrows</p> <p>3-Andy was once a fun-loving basketball player and class clown.</p> <p>4-He enjoyed spending time with his friends and his girlfriend, Keisha.</p> <p>5-Andy changes once his friend, Rob dies in a car accident because of drunk driving.</p> <p>6-He becomes very sensitive and distant and begins causing issues at school.</p>	<p>D. Statements/Quotes:</p> <p>1-“It seems like being dead is the only way I’ll ever feel alive again.”</p> <p>2-“It’s like the time I almost drowned but this time no one is going to save me.”</p> <p>3-“I don’t know...I felt at peace, I’m not sad, I feel heavy.”</p> <p>4- “How can you tell the parents of your best friend, sorry for killing their son?”</p>
<p>B. Thoughts and Feelings:</p> <p>1-After Rob’s death, Andy thinks that he should have been the one to die in the car crash.</p> <p>2- He thinks that Keisha is one of the most influential people in his life because she is always happy.</p> <p>3- He thinks that Keisha is going to make it big one day.</p> <p>4- But, when Andy imagines his own future, he imagines a black space.</p>	<p>E. Actions and Interactions:</p> <p>1-Andy disrespects Keisha at the talent show</p> <p>2-Andy asks Rob if he is cold when he is left 6 ft. underground</p> <p>3-Andy goes to therapy</p> <p>4-Andy pretends to be ok but fails his classes</p> <p>5-Andy argues with his parents</p>

<p>5- Andy thinks that his mother and father don't care about him.</p> <p>6-Andy thinks his guidance counselor doesn't care about him because he is never there when he needs him.</p> <p>7-He thinks he should kill himself.</p>	<p>6-Andy fools around in class and thinks his teacher is racist.</p> <p>7- Andy misses his chance to get a scholarship</p> <p>8-Replaces Rob's spot on the basketball team</p>
<p>C. Problem:</p> <p>1-Rob is killed in a tragic car accident</p> <p>2-Andy cannot seem to snap back to reality</p> <p>3-Andy is often sad/depressed.</p> <p>4-Rob thinks his parents don't care about him</p> <p>5-Andy thinks his parents don't care about him</p> <p>6-Andy is unsure of his future</p>	<p>F. Reaction/Connection</p> <p>1-I feel like I connect with Andy because I know what it's like to lose someone that I am close with.</p> <p>2- I also know how Andy feels because I know what it's like to feel alone and feel sad.</p> <p>3- Andy forgets to focus on his life with the ones who are close to him.</p> <p>4-Andy doesn't go to school as much as he should so he ends up flunking classes.</p> <p>5-Andy ruins his relationship with Keisha, which is sad because he loves her.</p> <p>6- Andy secludes himself from everyone, which isn't good for his mental health and makes his depression worse.</p>

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