

Grade 7 Language Arts
Process Piece #3

Among the Hidden

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Name: _____ **Class:** _____

For this assignment you will write a developing character sketch for Luke.

You must:

1. Identify 3 distinguishing character traits at the beginning of the novel
2. Identify 3 forces of change
3. Identify 3 distinguishing character traits at the end of the novel
4. Locate one specific example for each character trait
5. Explain the forces of change
6. Write a developing character sketch – rough draft #1
7. Edit your 1st rough draft
8. Write your 2nd rough draft
9. Have a partner edit your 2nd rough draft
10. Write a final copy

❖ PLEASE check the box next to each part of the assignment when you have it completed. You will hand this booklet in with your final draft.

How to Write a Developing Character Answer

Introduction

- Topic sentence – title, author, topic
- Give a brief *physical* description of Luke (age, family members, etc.)
- Definition of developing character
 - A developing character is someone who changes from the beginning to the end of the story.

Body Paragraph 1

- *In the beginning of this novel, _____ has certain character traits.*
- State the character trait.
- Give support
- State the second character trait
- Give support
- State the third character trait
- Give support

Body Paragraph 2

- *However, as the novel progresses, there are various forces of change that affect _____ character.*
- State the force of change
- Give support – explain how this changes the character
- State the second force of change
- Give support - explain how this changes the character
- State the third force of change
- Give support - explain how this changes the character

Body Paragraph 3

- *As a result of the forces of change, _____ changes greatly by the end of the novel.*
- State the character trait.
- Give support
- State the second character trait
- Give support
- State the third character trait
- Give support

Conclusion

- *In conclusion, _____'s character traits change in the novel Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix.*
- Define developing character
- State Luke's three character traits at the start, state the forces of change affecting Luke in the novel and state Luke's three character traits at the end.

How to Support your Developing Character Answer

1. Direct Quote

- Use a direct quote spoken by the character
- You must always explain what you think the quote shows about the character
- You must link the quote and the trait together

2. Quote

- Write a sentence taken directly from the novel
- You must always explain what you think the sentence reveals about the character
- You must link the quote and the trait together

3. Paraphrasing

- Rewrite, in your own words, what the character says, thinks or does
- Rewrite what another character describes, says or thinks about your character
- You must link the paraphrasing and the trait together

Character Jot Notes

Character Traits which describe Luke at the beginning of the novel

Trait	Support	Page
1.		
2.		
3.		

Forces of Change: Events that cause Luke to change

Force of Change	Effects on Luke
1.	
2.	
3.	

Character Traits which describe Luke at the end of the novel

Trait	Support	Page
1.		
2.		
3.		