Stand by Me

After reading a newspaper article about the death of his friend, Lachance recounts a childhood journey to find the body of a missing boy. Young Gordie is a quiet, bookish boy with a penchant for telling stories and writing. He is rejected by his father, following the death of his football-star older brother Denny. Denny paid Gordie much more attention than his parents did.

Gordie spends his time with three friends: Chris Chambers who is from a family of criminals and alcoholics and is usually stereotyped accordingly, even though he does not conform to the perceptions and stigmas attached to his family; Teddy Duchamp who is eccentric and physically scarred after his mentally unstable father held his ear to a stove; and Vern Tessio who is overweight, timid, and often picked on.

Vern overhears his older brother talking about finding the body of Ray Brower while dumping a stolen car. Brower was a boy whose disappearance and subsequent police search was a big news story. Gordie, Chris, Teddy, and Vern decide to embark upon a journey to see if they can find Ray's body and become local heroes.

The boys set out, walk along a train bridge and Vern and Gordie are nearly run over by a passing train. At the end of the day, the boys set up camp and Gordie tells the boys a story of his invention. Later on in the night, Chris reveals to Gordie his fear of being stereotyped as a criminal and never making anything of himself. They continue by taking a short-cut through a swamp only to discover that it is infested with leeches. While desperately removing them from each other, Gordie faints after finding one in his underpants, causing the other boys to wonder if they should go on. Gordie ends up being the decisive one, knowing that they have put in too much work not to see the body.

They locate the body and it reminds Gordie that his father liked his brother better than him. At this point, local bully "Ace" and his gang show up in their cars to take the body, but Gordie threatens Ace with a handgun that Chris had brought. Gordie decides that no one will get credit for finding the dead body and reports it via an anonymous phone call to the authorities. The boys return and say goodbye to each other.



"Gordie" LaChance is a boy who embarks on a journey with his three friends to find the dead body of a boy who was allegedly hit by a train. Gordie mentions how his older brother Denny was killed in a jeep accident, which results in his mother and father ignoring him. He His brother was a star athlete and respected by his parents. He is an aspiring writer, which his parents don't seem to notice. When the other children think of bailing on finding the body, he is the one that forces them to carry on. He reacts to the body by bursting into tears.



"Chris" Chambers is one of the four kids who embark on a journey to find the missing dead body. His dad is an alcoholic, and his brother is in an older gang of hoodlums. He worries that his dream of getting into college will be crushed by the way that people think of his family and the way they think of him. "I Wish that I could go someplace where nobody knows me." He is the main person who stops arguments between the groupmembers and looks out for those of them that are in trouble. He also acts as the group's leader.



Teddy Duchamp is one of the four kids who embark on a journey to find the missing dead body of a kid named Ray Brower. He is the craziest person in the group and is frequently getting himself into trouble. The side of his face is burned from where his father held his face to the stove. He is hyperactive and quick to engage in confrontations.



Vern Tessio is one of the four kids who embark on a journey to find the missing dead body of a kid named Ray Brower. Vern is the short fat kid of the group. He is often picked on by Teddy though they seem to remain closest throughout the movie. He is frequently scared and worried but is the only boy who does not have a crying scene throughout the film.

Using the four main characters in **Stand By Me** apply the following theorists: *Piaget, Kohlberg and Erikson*, to one of the character's development. Choose one of the characters and write a brief profile. Include a stage for each theorist and an example from the movie to support it. You can also include parenting style, attachment, or how you think they have developed over the course of the film. **Note: You do not need to write an essay, a paragraph or two is fine.**

Stages: /5
Examples: /5
Overall Analysis: /5