

Time to Write

Final Essay

Read [Lob's Girl](#). What is the theme of Lob's Girl? Write an essay that describes this theme.

Cite evidence from this text and your own experience in your essay. Use your graphic organizer to guide your writing.

"Lob's Girl" is a short story set in Cornwall, a fishing town located in southeast England. The main character is a young girl named Sandy. She lives in Cornwall with her father and mother, and her three siblings. The story is about the loyalty and friendship of a dog named Lob. Lob was on vacation with his owner when he met Sandy. Lob returns to his own home, but walks twice all across England to return to Sandy. Finally, Sandy adopts him and they are very good friends. Sandy is in an accident and is hospitalized and Lob finds his way to the hospital to see her. The story ends with a message that Lob died in the accident and was buried in the ocean while Sandy was on the way to the hospital. The story leaves you wondering what really happened. Throughout the story "Lob's Girl" I believe that loyalty displayed through the love of Sandy and Lob changed their lives forever.

When Lob and Sandy met it was love at first sight. According to the text, when Lob first met Sandy he pounced on her and could not stop licking her face. When dogs lick a person's face this is a form of endearment. Some say that this is how dogs give kisses. The author states that Sandy thought that Lob was beautiful and she played with him all day long. Sandy was sad when she had to leave Lob, she knew she may never see him again because his owner was there on vacation. She glanced back at him many times as she walked away from him for what she thought was the last time.

Even though Sandy thought she saw Lob for the last time, Lob knew in his mind he would do whatever it would take to make it back to his soulmate. The text explains, "The whole family was playing cards by the fire in the front room after supper when there was a loud thump and a crash of china in the kitchen." Lob had found Sandy again and plastered her with kisses. Lob had somehow found his way to Sandy's house from his vacation house. Sandy's dad returned Lob to his owner and asked Sandy not to play with him again at the beach, but Sandy just couldn't help herself, the two could not stay away from each other. Lob's vacation ended and he went home to Liverpool which was on the other side of England. Sandy was very depressed. Lob must have been too because history repeated itself! According to the text, there was a crash from the kitchen and Lob loyally appeared again jumping on Sandy giving her kisses. Lob had walked the whole way from Liverpool which was 400 miles. This happened not once but twice! Sandy and Lob just couldn't be kept apart. Lob's owner tried to take

him back and realized that Lob just wanted to be with Sandy and her family. From that day on Lob belonged to Sandy.

The years passed and Sandy and Lob remained loyal to each other even after a tragic accident happened one day. Sandy and Lob were hit by a truck while walking on a dark rainy night. Lob was taken out to sea and Sandy was fighting for her life in the hospital. Everyone thought that Sandy might not make it, she was in a coma. When Sandy's grandmother went to the hospital to see her, who did she find waiting outside the door but Lob. With the hope that seeing Lob would make Sandy wake up, her grandmother convinces the doctor to let Lob into the hospital to see Sandy. The text says, "That dog has walked twenty miles from St. Killan to get to my granddaughter. Heaven knows how he knew she was here, but it's plain he knows. That dog has walked the length of England—twice—to be with that girl, and you think you can keep him out?" The author explains, at the sound of Lob's whine Sandy stirred just a little. She sighed and moved her head and opened her eyes and said his name. She reached her hand down to pet Lob one last time before she fell back asleep. Having Lob by her side was just what Sandy needed. Sandy's parents were in shock because they thought that Lob had died at the accident and had been buried at sea.

In the story "Lob's Girl" I believe that loyalty was the theme that is threaded throughout the story. When Lob and Sandy met it was love at first sight. After they first met on the beach they couldn't stop thinking about each other. When Lob returned home after his vacation, he knew in his mind he would do whatever it would take to make it back to his soulmate. He walked 400 miles twice to get to Sandy! The years passed and Sandy and Lob remained loyal to each other even after a tragic accident happened, Lob still made his way back to Sandy. Although Lob was never seen again, he was loyal to Sandy until the very end. What do you think happened to Lob?