The Treasure of Lemon Brown
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Short Essay Response

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Directions:

Answer ONE of the following questions in your own words. Use complete sentences, correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar & wording in your answer. Use characters' names and details appropriately.

1. Explain Greg's conflict at the start of the story.
2. Explain at least one of the conflicts Greg & Lemon encounter together while in the abandoned building.

Topic Sentence			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
• clear topic sentence • does not include supporting details	• clear topic sentence • but does gives supporting details	• begins essay with supporting details so there is no TS	• begins with "this paper..." • begins with a question
Content of Answer			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
• referred to at least 3 supporting details from selection to support answer	• referred only 2 supporting details from selection to support answer	• provides general comments w/out specifics • referred only 1 supporting detail • 1 incorrect detail	• incorrect details • irrelevant info • just retold story w/ too many supporting details or references
Use of Characters' Names			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
• used names • used other appropriate words for characters	• need more pronouns or other words to replace proper nouns	• used names too often • used pronouns too often	• failed to refer to characters' names
Complete Sentences			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
• varied beginnings • varied sentences structure by using simple, compound & complex sentences • used complete sentences	• varied most beginnings • some variation; need more simple, compound or complex • used complete sentences	• lack of varied beginnings • too much of one type: compound or complex • choppy sentences, need transitions	• no varied beginnings • subject-verb structure • run-ons • fragments w/ no purpose
Capitalization			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
all correct	1 error	2 errors	3 errors
Apostrophes			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
all correct	1 error	2 errors	3 errors
Commas			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
all correct	1 error	2 errors	3 errors
Spelling			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
all correct	1 error	2 errors	3 errors
Grammar ~ Wording ~ Usage			
4	**3**	**2**	**1**
1-3 errors	4 errors	5 errors	6 errors