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CHARACTER CHANGE ESSAY REVISION CHECKLIST:

Before we begin, let's start with a few basic steps:

1. Hit CTRL+A to highlight your entire document
 - ☐ Make sure that your font is set to "Arial"
 - ☐ Make sure that your font size is set to 12
 - ☐ Yes, even the title.
2. Look at your MLA Header and check off the following:
 - ☐ First and Last Name are capitalized
 - ☐ Your teacher's name(s) is capitalized
 - ☐ Language Arts is capitalized and spelled out
 - ☐ The date is written in MLA format (22 November 2019)
3. Now look at your paper *as a whole*. Is it:
 - ☐ Double spaced (there are spaces between the lines)
 - ☐ FOUR paragraphs without skipping a line in between paragraphs

For the following tasks, there are TWO check boxes; one for you, and one for your partner. You'll be going paragraph by paragraph to review that you've met all of the requirements and your essay is ready to be submitted. **Note: If you are reviewing your partner's essay and notice that something is missing/incorrect, write them a note or help them correct it! That's basically the whole point of this activity.*

INTRODUCTION:

- ☐ ☐ Paragraph is indented at the start of the paragraph
- ☐ ☐ Begins with a brief summary (2-4 sentences)
 - ☐ ☐ The title of the book, *Hatchet* is capitalized and italicized (Ctrl+i)
- ☐ ☐ After the summary, there is a Thesis Statement that identifies and explains a character change in Brian.

BODY PARAGRAPHS:

- ☐ ☐ There are two separate Body Paragraphs, and **only** two Body Paragraphs
- ☐ ☐ Each paragraph is indented at the start of the paragraph
- ☐ ☐ Each paragraph starts with a Topic Sentence about which claim you will be arguing in that paragraph **THAT MATCHES YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.**
- ☐ ☐ There is no quote in the topic sentence.
- ☐ ☐ Each paragraph contains at least 2 pieces of evidence (total of 4)
 - All four pieces of evidence include:*
 - ☐ ☐ Introductory Phrase
 - ☐ ☐ Quote from the text **COPIED EXACTLY** (Look it up in your book to make sure!)
 - ☐ ☐ In-text parenthetical citation (Paulsen 346).

- ☐ ☐ After each piece of evidence there is at **least** 2 sentences of “EE” explanation and elaboration/analysis
- ☐ ☐ Each paragraph ends with some sort of concluding sentence that summarizes your main point from the paragraph

CONCLUSION:

- ☐ ☐ Paragraph is indented at the start of the paragraph
- ☐ ☐ The first sentence of the conclusion paragraph restates the original thesis statement *in different words*.
- ☐ ☐ There are at least **2 or more sentences** that explain/elaborate on why this character change is important, either to people in general, or specifically to Brian in terms of connecting to the real world. (*So what? Why does any of this matter at all?*)

GENERAL FORMATTING/THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- ☐ ☐ This essay does not use the words “I,” “me,” “my,” or any other personal pronouns.
*Seriously. Do Ctrl+F and look for those words to make sure they aren’t there (except in quotes from the book).
- ☐ ☐ I have done Spell/Grammar Check to review the essay for proper spelling and grammar
- ☐ ☐ All sentences begin with a capital letter.
- ☐ ☐ All proper nouns begin with a capital letter.
 - ☐ ☐ Brian is spelled correctly and capitalized. (*Hint: Use Ctrl+F to search for “Brian and also “Brain”*)
 - ☐ ☐ Paulsen is spelled correctly and capitalized. (*Hint: Do the same thing for this*)
- ☐ ☐ Check your commas and periods - often there are commas where there should be periods. Please check.

Phrases that SHOULD NOT be in your essay:

- ☐ ☐ In conclusion...
- ☐ ☐ On page ____ it says...
- ☐ ☐ In Chapter ____ it says...
- ☐ ☐ I found this in the book on page ____...
- ☐ ☐ I think / My evidence proves / ANY OTHER PERSONAL PRONOUN AT ALL

After you have reviewed **all of these items**, your next task is to actually have your **PARTNER** read your essay **OUT LOUD** to you (or ask a grown-up if you didn’t finish in class) to make sure everything sounds right. Get your partner/grown-up’s signature below afterward to confirm.

Name of partner/grown-up: _____

Signature of partner/grown-up: _____

My Signature: _____