

Grade 6 Unit 2 EA 1 Responding to Literature

Score: Proficient

This is about how external forces change Sal during the whole book Walk Two Moons. Since Sal's mom has gone missing and never came back Sal has changed in many ways than she was before. She was able to handle more than she could before.

One external force that changed Sal was when her mom left and never came back. That made Sal feel depressed and sad. Sal even said that she was allergic to blackberries but she wasn't they just reminded her of her mom and she was trying to stop thinking about her mom's death and how she was never coming back. After that her dad kept chipping at the wall and he found a hidden fire place. He showed Sal and she was surprised that was in the wall. Then the time came where Sal and her father moved to the city. When they moved to the city her dad was visiting another person and Sal did not like that her dad was visiting another person since her mom's recent disappearance.

The next external force that changed Sal was when her dad moved her to the city and she didn't like it, because there was no swimming hole and it was not like the farm she lived on. She missed the chickens and the cows. When she met Phoebe she liked her though she sometimes got annoyed with Phoebe. When Sal was with her grandparents she thought she heard the trees and the wind say to rush, but when they got closer to Sal's mom the wind said slow down. When Sal got to her mother's grave she finally realized that her mother wasn't coming home with her and when Sal kept telling the story about Phoebe, she said Phoebe didn't care if her mother stayed with the lunatic and that she didn't care about her or anyone else in her family. When gramps stopped to get in the river and gram was bit by a snake and they took her to the hospital and she would be okay. When they were on the road again and after a long while gramps tried to wake up gram and she did not wake. Gramps took her to the hospital and the doctor she had a stroke.

These were all the things that changed Sal during the book and now she has changed so much since her mom passed and telling the story of Phoebe as her own story begin to unfold as well as visiting her mom and not bring her home with her, this was the external forces that changed Sal's life when she was telling Phoebe's story and her own as it started to come out.

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Annotation:

The proficient exemplar makes a clear thesis statement about the influence of external and internal forces on the main character and then goes on to develop the idea with multiple examples from the novel *Walk Two Moons*. The supporting evidence is presented as details from the plot, but without the necessary commentary to show how the details relate to the thesis. The structure shows an understanding of the importance of the topic sentences relating to the thesis, but from then on the organization within the paragraphs, as evidenced by the transitions, such as the repetition of “when,” the use of “after” and “next,” reflects an emphasis on a retelling of the plot. Some of the evidence, such as the detail about the fireplace, seems disconnected from the thesis. The introduction and conclusion are adequate. Command of conventions is adequate, though the exemplar could show stronger command of and variety in sentence structure. Overall, this is a mid-range proficient exemplar.