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REFLECTION PAPER

Choose one of the main characters of the novel. Write a 2- to 4-page reflection paper (typed, double-spaced, with 1" margins) analyzing this character, discussing motivation, appearance, surroundings, lifestyle, attitude, experiences, and so on. Remember to provide sufficient textual evidence — properly cited with page numbers — to support your claims. Here are some questions to consider:

Motivation:

Why does the character act as s/he does?

Is this a static (unchanging) or dynamic (changing) character?

What changes does the character undergo through the story?

Appearance, surroundings, lifestyle:

What do these things tell us about the character?

Attitude:

What is the character's attitude towards him/herself?

How would you describe it?

Do we, as readers, feel the same way about this character?

How do these other characters in the story feel about this character?

Looking at these things should lead you to form some opinion of the personality of this character. Is s/he dominating, funny, cruel, sensitive, irritating, or what?

How does your analysis relate to what the story seems to be about? How does it relate to the story's themes?