



**PLANIT**  
TEACHERS

## Exploring Character Development in *The Boy at The Top of the Mountain*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

The novel *The Boy at The Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne is a thought-provoking exploration of identity, morality, and the complexities of human nature. This homework assignment is designed to support classroom learning objectives by delving into the analysis of the protagonist's character development throughout the novel.

**Complete these questions:**

1. Have you read *The Boy at The Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne? If yes, proceed to the next question. If not, please read the novel before continuing.

2. What is the main theme of the novel? Support your answer with a quote from the novel.

3. Describe the protagonist's character at the beginning of the novel. How does he change throughout the story?

**Identify three pivotal moments in the novel that influence the protagonist's character development.**

1. Describe the event in detail

Explain how the event contributes to the protagonist's growth and transformation

Include a quote from the novel that supports your analysis

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### Part 3: Character Timeline

**Create a timeline of the protagonist's journey, marking key events that influence his character.**

**For each event, include:**

- A brief description
- A quote from the novel that supports your inclusion of this event

**Write a reflective journal entry (approx. 250-300 words) considering the following questions:**

- How does the protagonist's experience relate to your own life or observations?
- What themes emerge from his story, and how are they relevant today?
- What do you believe the author is trying to convey through the protagonist's transformation?

**Choose a key event from the novel and write a short story (approx. 300-400 words) from the protagonist's perspective, exploring his thoughts and feelings immediately before, during, or after this event.**

**Answer these questions:**

1. How does the protagonist's development reflect or challenge societal norms?

2. What lessons or themes emerge from the protagonist's story?

3. How does the author use the protagonist's character development to explore the complexities of human nature?



## Conclusion

**Summarize the protagonist's journey, highlighting how he changes throughout the novel and what lessons or themes emerge from his story.**

**Support your summary with quotes from the novel.**

## Assessment Criteria

**The following criteria will be used to assess your work:**

- Understanding of character development
- Analysis of key events
- Use of evidence from the novel
- Quality of writing
- Engagement and reflection

**Please note the following:**

- Encourage your child to read the novel thoroughly and take notes on key events and character developments.
- Ensure your child understands the time required for each activity and helps them plan their work over the allocated time.
- Engage your child in conversations about the novel, asking open-ended questions to encourage deeper thinking about the story and its themes.