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REASON 1
Sophisticated Emotions

REASON 2
Awareness of the Truth

Save your **BEST** reason/strongest reason for last
Expository writing

- Analyze Prompt
- Prewriting
- Determine quality reasons
- Elaboration maps
- Write an opening
- Orally rehearse/add transitions
- Write rough
- Write closing
- So what?
- So why?

Global
Distinctly different

Hook
Bridge
TAG
Thesis
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** Sophisticated emotions **

In other words, the surgery allowed him to experience the emotions of a fully functioning adult rather than a child.

**Clarification Statement?**

**Example/s Min of 2**

**Supporting Quote/s w/ page #**

This idea became evident when . . .

**Significance of Quote/s**

This shows that . . .

This is important because . . .

Charlie demonstrated this when he . . .

One can clearly see that . . .
Sophisticated emotions

Complex, mature, adult-like emotions

Adult relationship/Love for Kinnian

“Now everytime I see her she grows younger and more lovely” (295)

“Charles” (296)

Pride in self and work

“These are my people. Let me use my gift to do something for them” (300)

Dishwasher = new awareness

Can do something life-altering for people like former self

No more laughing

“different” now good

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To begin with, #1 Prior to the surgery, Never noticed K as a woman

Thought her much older and wiser

IQ up = mature desire up

Reciprocated by K – doesn’t see him as child

Furthermore, we can see that #2 In fact, he

#3 It is obvious that

#4 This idea was seen clearly when he stated that

#5

#6

In addition, Charlie also experienced

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Add 10-12 transitions /map

Use a different color