

India Opal Bologna: A Caring Friend

By: Mrs. Martin's Class

In life, being kind to others matters. In the book *Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo, the main character Opal proves she is a caring person by always treating others with kindness.

One way that Opal is a caring friend is how she treats her dog, Winn Dixie. For example, when she finds Winn Dixie, he is all messy and dirty. Opal gives him a bath, brushes his teeth and combs him. "When I was done working on him, Winn Dixie looked a whole lot better," said Opal. She also lied to save him from the pound. "That's my dog," she said. She didn't say he was filthy and dirty. She didn't say, "Ew, get out of my life." She didn't run away. She took him home.

Another way that Opal is a caring friend is how she treats her human friends. For example, Opal invites all of her friends to a big party. She even invites the Dewberry boys. Instead of not inviting them because they were man, Opal still wanted them to come because she is kind. Opal was caring to Gloria Dump when she got a book to read to her. Opal said, "I wanted to comfort Gloria Dump and I decided that the best way to do that would be to read her a book, read it to her loud enough to keep the ghosts away."

In the book, *Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo, the character Opal is a caring friend. She shows kindness to her dog and to all of her friends. The story teaches us that being kind to others can make you a happier person.

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A Literary Essay – Teacher Written

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In *My Rotten Red-headed Older Brother*, by Patricia Polacco, the main character, Patricia, shows that she is a very determined girl by always trying to out-do her brother, and by trying to do things that could be difficult and even dangerous.

One reason Patricia is determined, is because she is constantly trying to find a way to out-do her brother. For example, when the two go berry picking, she tries to pick the most blackberries. She then tries to eat more rhubarb from the garden than her brother. "Bet I can eat more of this raw rhubarb than you can without getting the puckers," she cries. Richie seems to out-do her at every turn, but Patricia remains determined. "There had to be something – SOMETHING – I could do that he couldn't!" she yells.

Another reason that shows that Patricia is determined, is that she never gives up, even when things get difficult. When Patricia saw that a traveling carnival was in town, she knew she wanted to do something incredible to get her brother to "take notice." She headed straight for the merry-go-round. She and her brother went around and around on the ride over fifty times. Her brother got off, but Patricia kept going and going! "I knew I could do this longer than you, she shouted to her brother." She must have been very dizzy, and her grandmother was begging her to get off the ride! She could have gotten off right then, but Patricia did not give up. She stayed on so long, that when she finally did get off the ride, she was so dizzy that she fell and hit her head! That is determination!

In the story *My Rotten Red-headed Older Brother*, Patricia was determined to out-do her brother. She kept trying different things to prove she could do something better than Ritchie, no matter how hard it got. In the end, Patricia's determination paid off, and she got her wish to beat her brother at something. Even her brother agreed: "Looks like you finally did something special." The character, Patricia shows us that if you keep trying you can succeed even when things are difficult.

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INTRO – Names the story and character. States the claim and hooks the reader.

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BODY – Gives two reasons and evidence to support each reason..

REASONS are separated by paragraphs.

QUOTE – used as evidence to support the reasons.

EXAMPLES – given as support for the reasons.

TRANSITIONS.
One reason...
another reason.
After a while..

MICROSTORY – used as evidence to support reasons.

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The CONCLUSION – restates the claim and makes a connection to real life..

The story My Rotten Red-headed Older Brother shows that the character Patricia was a determined girl. She kept trying different things to prove she could do something better than Ritchie, no matter how hard it got. The story shows us that you can get what you want if you keep trying and trying and don't give up.

A Literary Essay on "Give a Fish a Home"

In the story, "Give a Fish a Home," a girl named Bink adopts a fish, but her friend, Gollie, isn't happy about it. Gollie is a jealous friend in the story.

One reason why Gollie is a jealous friend is because she says mean things about Bink's fish. For example, she says, "That fish is incapable of being a marvelous companion." This shows that Gollie doesn't like the fish and says mean things. Another time that Gollie shows that she says mean things about Bink's fish is when they are walking home from the pet store. Gollie doesn't act very happy that Bink got a new fish. Instead, Gollie says that Bink has an "unremarkable" fish, and that is rude. This shows that Gollie is jealous because the fish is getting Bink's attention instead of her.

Another reason that shows Gollie is a jealous friend is that she ignores Bink's fish. For instance, Bink wants to bring Fred roller-skating with them, because he "longs for speed." Gollie says, "Fish know nothing of longing." This is evidence that Gollie is ignoring the fish, because she doesn't want him to go roller-skating with them. Another example of this is when Gollie is skating away from Fred in the picture. The thought I have about this is since Gollie is skating away from Fred, she doesn't want to be with him and is ignoring him.

Gollie, a character in the story, "Give a Fish a Home," is a jealous friend. She says mean things about Bink's fish and ignores it. Reading this story made me realize that instead of feeling jealous and being mean, Gollie should have talked to Bink about her feelings. Friends should treat each other the way they want to be treated.

A Literary Essay on "Give a Fish a Home"

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hook/summary

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Reason #1

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Evidence #1 quote

Evidence #2
mini-story

Reason #2

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Evidence #1 quote

Evidence #2 example

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Reasons #1 and #2