**Lit Circle Characterization and Theme Response Feedback: What We Can Improve!**

* People are still saying things like “This quote shows…” in the sentence following the TE. Don’t do this!
* Quote integration: During our Happiness Essay unit, we worked on integrating quotes. This means not just dropping a quote, but leading into the quote. Instead of “Quinn is a really nice guy. ‘Quinn gave me five bucks because he’s kind,’” you should INTEGRATE by saying “the author, Kiely, displays Quinn’s kindness by having Jill tell the reader that ‘Quinn gave [her] five bucks.’”
* MLA Parenthetical Citations. Wow. People wrote stuff like “Here’s the quote,” (L. Lockhart, pg. 84.). There’s a lot that’s wrong there. How do you cite correctly?
* Theme: Some good stuff here, but where people went wrong was either a) too general (the major theme of this book is that wealth can be an influence on how a person lives); b) objectively, not a MAJOR theme
* Characterization: Select quotes that are TRULY representing ACTION or DIALOGUE. And, focusing on strong, relevant parts of this character’s personality. Just because Caden’s eating an apple when he’s hungry, that doesn’t really show IMPORTANT characterization in the novel.
* Using Quotes that are TOO LONG. You’re a more sophisticated writer now that you’re in high school. Don’t use a 3 sentence quote as your TE. Instead, summarize the situation and deliver PART of the most significant sentence as your TE. This forces you to be more precise and it helps the reader more clearly see your argument.
* Use PRECISE language when you talk about main idea or theme. If you’re talking about identity, you’re not referring to a theme—it’s a main idea.
* Continue to work on clearly and convincingly arguing the connection between your evidence and your argument.

**What to fix:**

* If you scored between 18-20/20, you need to fix 1 thing you did wrong in this piece of writing.
* If you scored between 16-17/20, you need to fix 2 things.
* If you scored between 14-15/20, you need to fix 3 things.
* If you scored below 14/20, you need to fix 4 things.
* **When you “fix” this, here’s what to do. For each thing you’re fixing, do this:**
  + **A) Write the old sentence (or more), WITH THE ERROR on your Google Doc.**
  + **B) Underneath, the old sentence, write the full, new sentence, with the error corrected.**
  + **C) Write a very brief explanation of what you fixed and why.**
* When you’re done, print this out and staple it on top of your original responses with my comments.