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English 7

## Paragraph Response Model: *Author's Craft: Characterization/Character Traits*

Choose a character from *The Trouble with Lemons*, by Daniel Hayes (besides Buster) and a trait that they show in the novel. Write a paragraph explaining how they show that trait. Include at least two different examples from the book for support and *explain* them.

### Buster's Compassion

In *The Trouble with Lemons*, by Daniel Hayes, the grumpy and grouchy character of Buster shows how he is also very compassionate. First of all, when the dead body is pulled from the quarry, Buster helps. For example, on page 41, it said, "Big, fat Buster, perched on his hands and knees, gently lifted the body onto the stretcher and his face almost looked tender and sad." This moment shows how Buster isn't just the mean guy who runs the game room. He shows compassion and understands how serious and sad the moment is. ~~I think Buster is a real jerk.~~ Next, Buster shows his compassion when he implies that he will miss BooBoo. On page 43, Buster says, "That BooBoo. He spent a lot of money at my place." When he said that he didn't think he "cared at all about the money," it showed that Buster was saying that he would miss BooBoo coming around his gameroom. Clearly, Buster is more than just a 300 pound vicious "pitbull."

- 1) Circle the author's name and the title of the book.
- 2) Underline the writer's topic sentence.
- 3) Write the trait that is being proven in this paragraph.

Trait: *compassionate*

- 4) Put a box around any transition words and phrases.
- 5) Highlight the text evidence the writer used.
- 6) Put a squiggly line under the page numbers the text evidence came from.
- 7) Put brackets [ ] around any explaining the writer did for their text evidence.
- 8) Cross off the sentence that is off topic.
- 9) There are two vague pronouns (he, she, they, etc...) in the paragraph. Cross them off and replace them so we know who is being referred to.

