**UP Montage Assignment**

Create a character sketch of the main character Carl Fredricksen by analyzing the montage at the beginning of the film. Organize your character sketch in paragraph form. You must use **direct and indirect characterization** to describe Carl. Please provide evidence for every character trait you outline. Quotations and plot examples are to be used as evidence to support your character sketch. You may use Ellie’s traits to contrast and explain Carl’s personality traits.

**Use the following questions to help guide your sketch:**

\*\* Do any characters **directly** identify Carl’s character traits?

\*\*Indirect Methods of Characterization Questions:

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| **Speech** | What does the character say or doesn’t say? How does the character speak? |
| **Thoughts** | What is revealed through the character’s private thoughts and feelings? |
| **Effect on other characters** | What is revealed about the character’s effect on other characters? How do other characters feel or behave in reaction to the character? |
| **Actions** | What does the character do? How does the character behave? How does the character act in different situations? |
| **Looks** | What does the character look like? How does the character dress? What does the character’s appearance say about his/her personality? |

**Addition questions to consider:**

How does Carl act when he was a child?

How does Carl act after meeting Ellie?

How does Ellie affect Carl?

How does Carl react to Ellie’s intense personality?

How do Carl’s and Ellie’s families react to the marriage? Does family influence the characters’ personalities?

What aspirations are evident after watching the clouds?

How does the character change when it is revealed that Ellie cannot have children?

Does the breaking of the bank multiple times reveal character traits?

What do the changing ties reveal about Carl’s character?

Is anything revealed about Carl’s character when he buys the tickets to South America?

Does Carl’s and Ellie’s relationship/interactions reveal Carl’s character?

How could Carl’s character change after the death of Ellie?

**Assignment Requirements:**

* Should be typed or neatly printed in blue or black ink, double-spacing required
* Must include class information in the top-left corner (your name, date, course, teacher’s name)
* Should be approximately 250 words in length (about ¾ page to 1 page when typed & double-spaced)
* Give it a catchy title (not just the character’s name – be creative)
* Needs to include the above criteria that develops the character
* Must be written in proper paragraph format (indentation, topic sentence, supporting details and examples, concluding sentence)
* Should use specific and meaningful word choices
* Should use correct and varied sentence structures
* Should be carefully edited to avoid errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc.
* Should be unique and interesting to read, offering insights to the character

**Assessment:**

Students will be assessed on the following criteria:

**6 Trait Writing Rubric**

**Content and Ideas X2** – relevant support of the topic and strong evidence to support ideas

**Organization X2** – paragraph organization is clear and effective

**Voice** – appropriate tone and voice will convey a sense of person behind the words

**Word Choice** – specific and accurate language is used to convey meaning

**Sentence Fluency** – effective sentence structure with varied length and beginnings

**Mechanics** – correct grammar and usage that contributes to clarity of writing