

CER Handout

Choose one of the scenes from *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and write a paragraph analyzing how the scene contributes to the reader's understanding of Kit and the setting of the novel.

Scenes:

- Matthew telling Kit in Chapter 4, "You will fit yourself to our ways and do no more to interrupt the work of the household or to turn the heads of my daughter with your vanity"
- Kit declining to go to Meeting and causing an uproar in Chapter 5

Use the CER paragraph structure and include direct text evidence to support your claim.

CER Paragraph Frame

| | Question to Prompt My Thinking | Sentence Frame |
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| <u>Claim</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do I know, based on the text? ● What is my response to the question? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flip the question into a statement. |
| <u>Evidence</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do I know this? ● What in the text tells me this? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the text it says, "_____." ● For example, _____. |
| <u>Reasoning</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why does the evidence support the claim? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This shows that _____. ● This means that _____. ● From this, I can conclude _____. |

Example

Model

The scene I chose is:

| | Response |
|-------------------|----------|
| <u>C</u> laim | |
| <u>E</u> vidence | |
| <u>R</u> easoning | |

My Response

The scene I chose is:

| | Response |
|-------------------|----------|
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