

Essay Topic: How did Nick Allen change because of frindle?

Introduction:

- **Hook:** going to grab the reader's attention
 - Uses a description, states a fact, asks a question, etc.
 - Example: *Imagine inventing a new word and having it added to the dictionary.*
- **Connection:** Explain how your hook connects to the book (2-3 sentences)
 - TAG – Title, Author, Genre (**realistic fiction book, Frindle, by Andrew Clements**)
 - Plot Summary – What is the story about? **Nick renamed the word “pen” to be frindle. The word becomes very popular and used around the world. Nick becomes very famous because of his new invention.**
 - Example: *Nick Allen, from the realistic fiction book, Frindle, by Andrew Clements, invents a new word called “frindle” to use instead of the word pen. His new word quickly becomes very popular but causes trouble at his school. Eventually, the word frindle is used all over the world and makes Nick rich and famous.*
- **Thesis Statement:** a topic sentence about your whole essay. Answer the question in your essay topic.
 - Example: *At the beginning of the story Nick was an outgoing student with many ideas, but after inventing frindle Nick became quieter and stopped joking around as much.*
- Example Introduction:
 - *Imagine inventing a new word and having it added to the dictionary. Nick Allen, from the realistic fiction book, Frindle, by Andrew Clements, invents a new word called “frindle” to use instead of the word pen. His new word quickly becomes very popular but causes trouble at his school. Eventually, the word frindle is used all over the world and makes Nick rich and famous. At the beginning of the story Nick was an outgoing student with many ideas, but after inventing frindle Nick became quieter and stopped joking around as much.*

Sample Conclusion Paragraph

Step 1: Restate the thesis sentence from your introduction. Use NEW words to present the same idea.

Example: Nick Allen was a fun and clever boy at the start of the story, but inventing the word “frindle” made Nick realize there were consequences to his actions.

Step 2: Summarize your body paragraphs – use one to two sentence for each body paragraph!

Example: Nick was a mischievous class clown who always tried to waste the teachers’ time and had many ideas to cause disruptions in class. After inventing *frindle*, Nick’s mom and Mrs. Granger noticed a change in his behavior. He didn’t want to get into any more trouble, so he kept new ideas to himself.

Step 3: Tell us what lesson the character learned

Example: Nick learned sometimes being funny all the time could cause problems and that he had to be responsible for his actions.

Step 4: Conclude the essay - Remember, think before taking action because there will be consequences to those actions.

Conclusion Paragraph:

Nick Allen was a fun and clever boy at the start of the story, but inventing the word “frindle” made Nick realize there were consequences to his actions. Nick was a mischievous class clown who always tried to waste the teachers’ time and had many ideas to cause disruptions in class. After inventing frindle, Nick’s mom and Mrs. Granger noticed a change in his behavior. He didn’t want to get into any more trouble, so he kept new ideas to himself. Nick learned sometimes being funny all the time could cause problems and that he had to be responsible for his actions. Remember, think before taking action because there will be consequences.