

Prompt

- What theme should we learn from this movie?
- How do the characters teach us this theme?
- Characters learn thematic life lessons as they undergo change (dynamic) and develop new traits (round). What these characters learn can reveal the theme.
- **Analyze a dynamic or round character and explain how this character teaches the audience about the theme of *The Green Mile*.**

Writing to Support A Claim

Step 1: State A Claim

Claim :
A statement of opinion.

Viewers learn about the **complexity of moral decisions** through the **change Paul Edgecomb** experiences in the movie *The Green Mile*.

Theme
Dynamic Character

Viewers learn about _____ through
the _____
_____ in the movie *The Green Mile*.

Theme
Dynamic or Round Character

Writing to Support A Claim

**Step 2: Support it with 2
*reasons.***

Reasons:

**Your thinking to explain
why you believe your
claim is logical.**

Viewers learn about the complexity of moral decisions through the changes Paul Edgecomb experiences in the movie *The Green Mile*.

In the beginning, Paul was confident and proud of his work as the head officer on the green mile.

After Paul's encounters with John Coffey, his attitude about life and his work in execution has changed.

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Evidence:

Step 3: Provide *evidence*

Specifics from the text to show your claim is logical.

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In the beginning, Paul was confident and proud of his work as the head officer on the green mile.

You can see this throughout the movie when he takes charge of the other officers on the mile. He decides which officers have which jobs, and he orders Percy to leave the position after Del's execution.

After Paul's encounters with John Coffey, his attitude about life and his work in execution has changed.

We understand this change in Paul best when he is upset of John's unjust execution and wonders, "On the day of my judgment, when I stand before God, and he asks me why did I kill one of his true miracles, what am I going to say? That it was my job?" (Darabont).

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Closing Sentence: “So What”

His character teaches us that the choice between right and wrong is sometimes a difficult and complicated choice. It is not always obvious what is right to do, but we are responsible for our own choices in the end.

QUOTE SANDWICH



- Introductory Phrase
- Text
- Citation
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Example

Viewers learn about the complexity of moral decisions through the changes Paul Edgecomb experiences in the movie *The Green Mile*. In the beginning, Paul was confident and proud of his work as the head officer on the green mile. **You can see this throughout the movie** when he takes charge of the other officers on the mile. **(Darabont)**. Paul decides which jobs the officers have on the mile and who is responsible for leading the executions. Paul is confident about his decisions and in his ability to lead these officers correctly.

After Paul's encounters with John Coffey, his attitude about life and his work in execution has changed. **We understand this change in Paul best when he is upset of John's unjust execution and wonders,** "On the day of my judgment, when I stand before God, and he asks me why did I kill one of his true miracles, what am I going to say? That it was my job?" **(Darabont)**. Paul shows viewers that he made the choice to follow orders from authority to execute John Coffey. He knew that John was innocent, but he was unable to change the death sentence. After John's death, Paul questions the morality of his decision. **Eventually, he chooses to leave his job on the green mile.** His character teaches us that the choice between right and wrong is sometimes a difficult and complicated choice. It is not always obvious what is right to do, but we are responsible for our own choices in the end.

CRE Writing



Write one paragraph to support a claim with your reasons and evidence. Supply 2 reasons, and evidence from the text for each reason. Use 1 direct quote with a citation, in a quote sandwich format.

- **Step 1: State a Claim**
- **Step 2: Give a Reason**
- **Step 3: Supply Evidence – use a quote sandwich**
- **Step 2: Give another Reason**
- **Step 3: Supply evidence – use a quote sandwich**
- **Step 4: Give a “So What” closing sentence**
- **Step 5: Color code your paragraph like my example**