Essay on characterisation

In this essay you job is to talk about the **AUTHOR**. You should focus on how he created the character of Stargirl.

As you do that, you should comment on how well he chose/did the following:

* Used impressive lexis (word choice)
* Used short/long sentences for effect
* Used powerful imagery (metaphors/similes/personification)
* Created believable character traits
* Introduced the character in a powerful way
* Developed the character in a powerful/believable way

**Your essay needs to be made up of:**

Introduction

Body

Conclusion

**Intro:**

Introduce the novel, the author and what the novel is about in no more than 2 sentences. Then introduce the character you are writing about and summarise in no more than one sentence what techniques the author used to create this interesting character.

**Main Body:**

Look at the different aspects of characterisation and devote one paragraph to each point:

* How the character was introduced
* Physical description and what that reveals about the character. Was it well done? Why?
* How the character talks. Why did the author do that? Was it powerful? Why?
* How the character feels and thinks. What are her beliefs? What are her thoughts about things/people etc? What sort of person does that make her? Is she believable? Did the author create her well?
* How the character behaves. Why did the author make these choices? What does the way the character behaves reveal about her? Did the author make interesting or unusual choices/ Why?
* What other people say/think about the character. What does this reveal about the character?
* The objects she carries with her. What do her objects reveal about her? Why did the author decide on these objects and not on others? Did he choose well?
* (Character development: How does the character change? Why did the author make these changes? What does it reveal about the character? What is the message for the reader? )

**Conclusion:**

Summarise your points and repeat in a short way what sort of person the author has created and why. Try to explain in a short way what the author was trying to teach us by creating this character. Tell us if the author did well or not and be able to explain your evaluation.

Tips:

* Try to reveal things about Stargirl that are NOT obvious
* ALWAYS talk about the author creating something, don’t talk about Stargirl as if she was real
* Show that you have really thought about the effect language can have
* You will be evaluated on your use of language, so use formal and grammatically correct English