

What evidence do you have that supports Lorraine is a good friend to John in the story *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel?

Transition words and phrases have been italicized and underlined for you.

Transitions help the reader to understand the various sections of the writing, and they help to move the writing along.

R & A - In the book *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel, Lorraine shows that she is a good friend to John because she is **caring**. To be caring means that people are helpful and concerned about others' actions.

C- For instance, Lorraine tries to persuade John to stop smoking. "I tried to explain to him how dangerous it was, particularly smoking, and even went to the trouble of finding a case history similar to his in a book by Sigmund Freud" (Zindel 7).

E- Lorraine's actions can be interpreted to mean she cares for John's well-being. Because they are friends, she feels the need to protect John from continuing his bad habits. With Lorraine being a true companion, she decided to take matters into her own hands and prove her loyalty by supporting her friend.

C -In another case, the reader can infer that Lorraine continues to show concern when she thinks about John's underage drinking (Zindel 10). John continues to go down the bad paths of his father, and Lorraine wants to prevent and dissuade John from making bad choices.

E- So in this way, Lorraine implies that she cares deeply about John's actions, and she does not want him repeating the bad steps of his father. When a friend tries to discuss how dangerous smoking and drinking alcohol can be, it shows that she is compassionate and kind towards John. Lorraine's words and actions help the reader understand that she wants John to make better choices.

S The above examples support that Lorraine took it upon herself and attempted to make John's life healthier by suggesting he make some needed changes. Her actions are characteristic of conscientious people who care and want the world to be a better place. Therefore, Lorraine from Paul Zindel's novel, *The Pigman*, shows that she is a thoughtful friend towards John.

Here is one for you to try from *The Outsiders*.

How does the author of *The Outsiders* show that gangs can have a positive influence on each other? Follow the above steps to help create a coherent RACERS response.