

Sample Final Entry:

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Wilma Unlimited

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“Finally, tired of crying all the time, she decided she had to fight back—somehow.” (Page 9)

This is the point in which I knew that Wilma had the desire to change. Wilma’s character experiences various changes throughout the book. Wilma is born a small, frail child with a weak immune system. At a young age, she is cursed with polio. As a result, she almost becomes crippled. Forced to stay out of school for years, Wilma develops a desire to be like her siblings. After receiving a large, metal brace for her left leg, Wilma joins her peers at school. Her first experiences are extremely negative, as she is ostracized and forced to sit on a bench and watch her friends play outside. Determined to succeed, Wilma practices her leg exercises faithfully and gets physically stronger day by day. Not only is Wilma getting physically stronger, she is also becoming mentally stronger.

One Sunday morning, Wilma decides to attempt an extremely brave task. She removes her dreaded metal brace and walks down the center aisle at church. This young woman holds her head high as she courageously places one foot in front of the other. From that moment on, Wilma’s life turns around. She ends up leading her high school basketball team to the state finals, where she is picked up by a college coach. She is then chosen to receive a full scholarship to a state university. Wilma becomes the first person in her large family to go to college. After years of training and practice, Wilma represents her country in track and field at the Olympic Games. That marvelous day, Wilma takes home the gold medal for the United States. Wilma has become a strong, independent

woman; a female that soon becomes a role model for women, African Americans, and all people with disabilities.