

Theme/Moral Poster

In large NEAT letters, write the **message of the story**. What did Irving want you to believe? Remember, others will disagree with your interpretation, so make sure you're presenting yourself clearly.

Around the message, **write the quotes** that BEST support your theme. I'm looking for five to seven quotes that provide strong support for how YOU interpret the story.

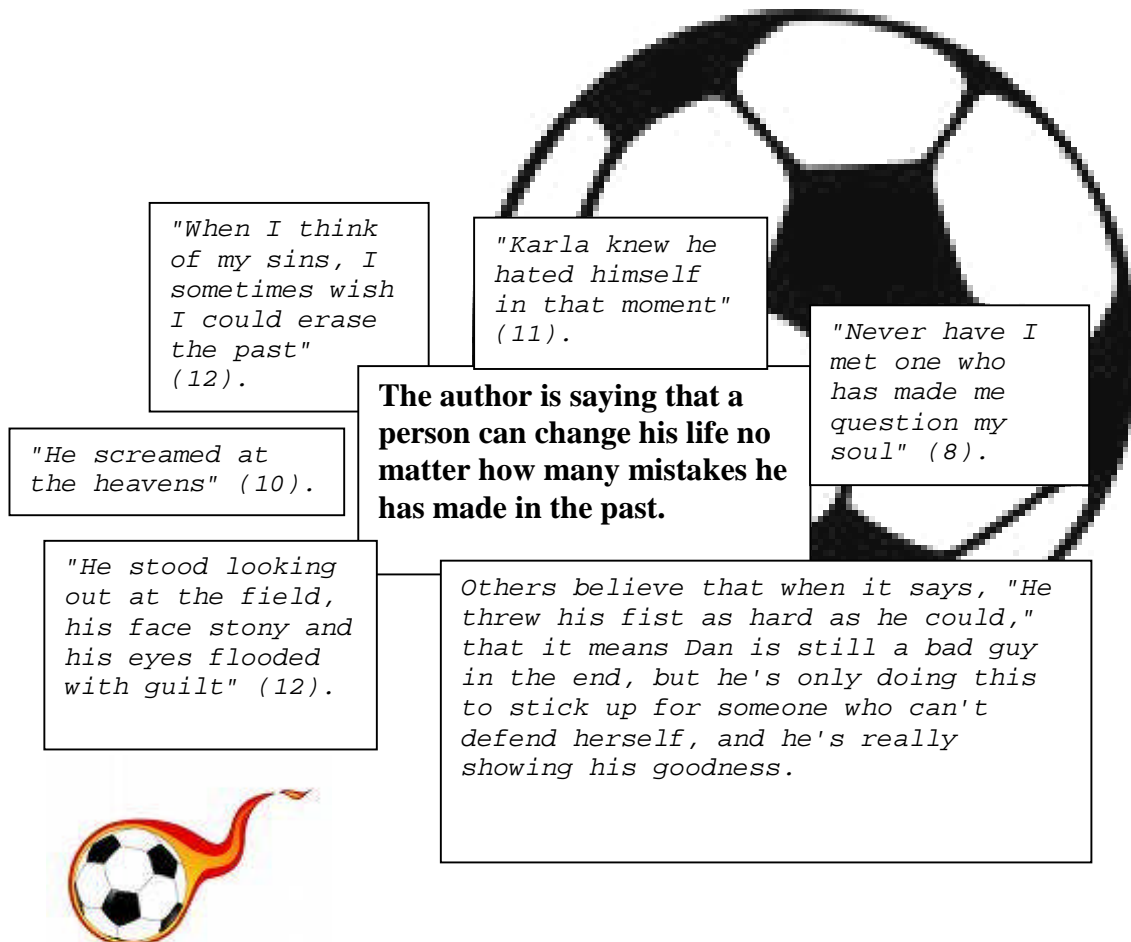
At least ONCE (although you can do more if you want), **include a rebuttal**. Tell me how others interpret the story and why others are wrong. You should set it up something like:

Others believe that when it says, "-----" that means that "-----." However, this really just means ---
You may have more than one rebuttal if you need to take up some space on the paper.

Finally, this is a poster, so it should be NEAT. You only get one shot at this because I don't have any extra paper, so make your one piece really count. Markers and colored pencils are on the shelf under the flag. Share and put them back when you're done. Rulers and scissors and highlighters are in your group box. **Make it pretty!**

And, of course, put your names on it!

Sample:



"When I think of my sins, I sometimes wish I could erase the past" (12).

"Karla knew he hated himself in that moment" (11).

"Never have I met one who has made me question my soul" (8).

The author is saying that a person can change his life no matter how many mistakes he has made in the past.

"He screamed at the heavens" (10).

"He stood looking out at the field, his face stony and his eyes flooded with guilt" (12).

Others believe that when it says, "He threw his fist as hard as he could," that it means Dan is still a bad guy in the end, but he's only doing this to stick up for someone who can't defend herself, and he's really showing his goodness.

