



"After Twenty Years"

-Jimmy Wells (police officer)

- Jimmy didn't want to arrest his friend, so he wouldn't hurt his feelings
- Jimmy was worried about ruining their lifelong friendship
- Jimmy took an oath as a police officer to do his job and he stayed true to that

-"Silky" Bob

- He was a criminal who risked getting arrested to keep an appointment with his friend
- He kept his promise
- He described Jimmy as a brother and he called them a "team"
- He traveled a thousand miles to keep an appointment even at the risk of getting caught

"A Retrieved Reformation" -Jimmy Valentine (alias Ralph D. Spencer)

He is loyal to Annabelle because he respects and loves her.

He gave up his "old life"/past to be with her

He was willing to give up his safe cracking tools to his buddy

He saved Agatha from the safe risking his relationship and by exposing who he really was.

-Ben Price

He let Jimmy Valentine go showing _____

He showed respect to Jimmy Valentine

Eminent detective (the best in his field)

-Annabelle Adams

Stayed loyal to Ralph even when she found out the truth

Respects Ralph

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Someone who is loyal displays characteristics of trust, honor and respect. I am very fortunate to have a best friend who I believe possesses all of those qualities. Loyalty is a strong character trait and it is one that the author, O. Henry, uses often in his stories. In the two fictional stories by O. Henry, there are characters that display a sense of loyalty. **Jimmy Wells** from "After Twenty Years" and **Jimmy Valentine** from "A Retrieved Reformation" are two of these characters that seem to feel a sense of loyalty.

The theme of loyalty is present in O. Henry's short story "After Twenty Years". Here is where you include 2-3 text based details. Also, include a personal connection if you can. For example.....As shown, loyalty is a theme in O. Henry's short story "After Twenty Years."

The theme of loyalty is also present in "A Retrieved Reformation". You are doing the same thing here you did in paragraph two. 2-3 text based details. You can even include direct quotes. As shown, loyalty is also a theme in O. Henry's short story, "A Retrieved Reformation."

Although loyalty is a theme in both O. Henry's short stories, _____ is the more loyal character. Give at least one detail to prove which character is more loyal and elaborate your choice. To conclude, O. Henry uses the theme of loyalty in both short stories.

-Loyalty as a Theme in O. Henry's Short Stories -Essay Format

Essay Format:

- **Introduction:** Define loyalty and explain that this is a theme in O. Henry's stories.
- **Body 1:** Show how O. Henry portrays the theme of loyalty in "A Retrieved Reformation"
- **Body 2:** Show how O. Henry portrays the theme of loyalty in "After Twenty Years"
- **Conclusion:** Based on the evidence provided from the short stories, argue which character is more loyal and explain why.

Be sure to...

- Use relevant text-based details/evidence (quotes from the texts)
- Explain/Elaborate after each detail/evidence
- Use appropriate transitional words/phrases
- Proofread for proper spelling, grammar and punctuation

Define loyalty (in your own words)	
Thesis/Claim: Explain that theme of loyalty is found O.Henrys short storiesTAG-title, author, genre (both stories)	Loyalty is a strong character trait and it is one that the author, O. Henry, uses often in his stories. In the two fictional stories by O. Henry, there are characters that display a sense of loyalty. Jimmy Wells from "After Twenty Years" and Jimmy Valentine from "A Retrieved Reformation" are two of these characters that seem to feel a sense of loyalty.

Body #1: Explain how the theme of loyalty is present in "After Twenty Years"

Source: "After Twenty Years" by O. Henry

<p>Topic Sentence: (introduce the text and theme)</p>	<p>Loyalty is a theme in "After Twenty Years."</p>
<p>*Give at least two pieces of evidence from "After Twenty Years" showing the theme of loyalty*Explain/elaborate and connect each piece of evidence to the thesis statement</p>	
<p>Concluding Sentence:(restate and wrap up main points)</p>	<p>As shown, loyalty is a theme in O. Henry's short story "After Twenty Years."</p>

Body # 2: Explain how the theme of loyalty is present in "A Retrieved Reformation"

Source: "A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry

<p>Body # 2: Explain how the theme of loyalty is present in "A Retrieved Reformation" Source: "A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry</p>	<p>Loyalty is also a theme in "A Retrieved Reformation."</p>
<p>*Give at least two pieces of evidence from "A Retrieved Reformation" showing the theme of loyalty*Explain/elaborate and connect each piece of evidence to the thesis statement</p>	
<p>Concluding Sentence:(restate and wrap up main points)</p>	<p>As proven, loyalty is also a theme in O. Henry's short story "A Retrieved Reformation".</p>

Paragraph #4 (Concluding Paragraph): From the evidence provided (in the body paragraphs), argue which character is more loyal.

<p>Describe/Explain which character is more loyal Choose one character and give at least one detail with elaboration.</p>	<p>Although loyalty is a theme in both O. Henry's short stories, _____ is the more loyal character.</p>
<p>Concluding Sentence:(restate and wrap up main points)</p>	<p>To conclude, O. Henry uses the theme of loyalty in both short stories.</p>

