Reflection Questions

1.  When I first wrote my essay over the summer, I feel that I was almost completely focused on plot. For example, “Throughout the story, Morrie and Mitch Albom meet each Tuesday. Every time they do, they talk about a different part of life” (Auvenshine). Throughout the rest of the essay, I just summed up the plot of the book. After we began doing reflections on various topics, I noticed that my writing was improving every time I picked up the pencil. For instance in my TK essay, “The quote by Berne displays how discovering the difference between two topics can make the less important one become obsolete and seem wrong” (Auvenshine). In this essay, there is a huge difference in vocab level compared to the beginning of the year. I was also able to explain quotes and pieces of evidence better than I had before.

2. As I look back on my writing, I see numerous areas of improvement. However, the one part of the essay that really stood out was my ability to find and explain “good” pieces of evidence and explain them. In my essay over the summer, I would find something out of the book and not be able to explain it or define its meaning. “Morrie never interrupts people when they are telling him something, and instead he actively listens to what they have to say” (Auvenshine). With this piece of my essay, I could have easily found a quote in the story that applies to my overall theme. In my TK essay I was able to find satisfactory pieces of evidence while still being able to explain them. For example, “Mr. Finch, don’t tell Aunt Rachel, don’t make me go back, please sir” (Auvenshine). I took this piece of evidence from the book and I linked it back to the theme of the paper.

3. I think that there are lots of good elements that can aid a writer in a good paper, but I think the most important part is the link at the end of each paragraph. I feel that it connects each point to the theme of the paper and it also makes the essay easier to write. Even with a good link, there are still parts of the paper that are a challenge to complete. I think the most difficult part of a paper is the theme. Without it, there isn’t a paper. I think that this is the area I need the most practice with. This is due to the fact that my pieces of evidence can expand into a new theme, and I always have to make changes and edits to my essay.

4. In my future writing I do have some goals that I want to achieve. One of my main goals is word choice. I always feel that I am very repetitive in each sentence. It seems like any way I try, I always end up with the same words. Some example are this, someone and it. I think that I have come a long way in my writing, but there is still a lot of room for improvement in second semester.