

Brock Burgess

Mrs. Graning

English 11

26 August 2024

### Will Traynor's character changes throughout the novel

The small town that surrounds Stortford castle is where Jojo Moyes based her story *Me Before You*. The main character Lousia Clark loses her job at the cafe and gets a job being a caretaker for Will traynor. She tries to get Will to open up and not be as sad; she tries to get Will out of the house and do things that he did before the injury. She finds out that if she doesnt make him happy he will go to switzerland and take part in the assisted suicide. She takes him to events that she thought would make him happy and on the last day of the beach trip Will tells Louisa that he will still be going through with the procedure. Will Traynor's character developed over the course of the story in many ways, such as his character before the crash, his character after the crash that changed his life, and how Lou became his caretaker changed his outlook on life.

Will Traynor's character before the crash was one that you could only seem to experience in a book. Will loved to go on adventures around the world and try very daring events. when Rupert and Aliclia went to Will to tell him about their up and coming marriage Rupert explained about all the adventures they had gone through and how Will was a very lively and happy person. Will shows that before he was injured he was having the best of time living the life that he had acquired. Additionally he became an entrepreneur who when not adventuring the world was the CEO of a banking company. Will tells us that was a CEO of a company when he says "Thats the new CEO of my old company," (Moyes 257), to Lou at the wedding after talking to

someone he knew. Will being the CEO of the bank turns out to show that he was a great member of the town and was liked by most of the people that he had been with and seen. Therefore this all changed when Will was tragically run over by a motorcycle and became a quadriplegic.

Will Traynor's character completely changed from the moment that he was tragically run over by a motorcycle. The two and a half years of Will after the crash was completely different than the life he had spent before the crash. Camilia Traynor tells us that after the crash Will began to stay to himself, and not speak as much. Will spent much of his time over the two and a half years in pain and grief that he has to endure this new life that was given to him. During the first two years of his new life Will did not have any of the things that made him happy anymore. Will was in so much pain and grief that he could not do the things that had made him so happy just two and a half years prior that he decided to try and take his own life which we are told by Nathan and also showed the scar. Will shows that he has to endure a bunch of pain and also the deviation that he can not do things that he once could and can even do basic needs for himself anymore.

Louisa Clark becoming Will's caretaker began to show him that even though he is paralyzed and not allowed to do the things that he was able to do before the crash; life would still have many opportunities that he could do and make life better. Lousia taking him to all of the adventures that they would go on helped Will see the world from a different perspective than he had from the past two and a half years. Will says "Clark, my whole life has changed for the better since you have come," (Moyes 324). Will shows that through all of the adventure that he and Louisa Clark went through help him with his outlook of life, and all of the things he would not have been able to do without her. Additionally the things that Lousia Clark gave to Will during the six months helps him communicate with others and give him opportunities to do more

while by himself. An example of this is the computer program that lets him be able to write letters and explore on the internet which he would not have been able to do. This ends up showing us that he likes the new computer program and device when he sends Lousia Clark a letter to say thank you for the meal.

Will Traynor's character development throughout the story changes in many different ways. The different ways that Will's character changes are such as the flashbacks we are given before he was paralyzed when he was a happy and adventurous guy. Then you have him after the crash where he becomes very depressed and turns to self harm to get over the sadness. Last of all you have his character change from the experience he got from meeting Lousia and doing adventures that he wouldn't have been able to do without her. Will's character changes affect the development of characters such as Camilla Traynor and Lousia Clark. This affects Camilla Traynor because she is Will's mom and she changes to a softer person by the end of the book. Will's character changes affect Lousia Clark from the beginning of the book to the end. It affects her at the beginning of the book because she was a person who only liked to do the same to a person who was okay with trying things differently. At the end of the book it changes her character because she falls into a deeper love with Will and began to open up to him more than she had done to even her own boyfriend.