**The Metaphor Essay Draft**

Charlotte had Two very important people in her life that affected her in different ways, but in the end, she let them slip away. In the Metaphor by Budge Wilson, Charlotte has an English teacher named Ms. Hancock, who introduces her to writing and poetry. She also has a caring but selfish mom. Both Charlotte’s mother and Ms. Hancock play massive roles in Charlotte’s life Even though Charlotte’s mother “win’s” Charlotte over Ms. Hancock.

Ms. Hancock and Charlotte’s mother have different ideas on the “perfect” life for Charlotte, for example when Ms. Hancock sees Charlotte’s writing, she approaches her at the end of class. She tries her best to help her and to let her know if she needed someone to talk to or someone she could trust. Ms. Hancock also insisted on Charlotte to keep writing because she knew that Charlotte had a talent and that she needed to keep doing it. Ms. Hancock’s goal was to make Charlotte happy no matter what. On the other hand, Charlotte’s mother trying to convince Charlotte that Ms. Hancock was a bad influence on Charlotte. She also complained to Charlotte that Ms. Hancock was Brassy and odd. Charlotte’s mothers view on a perfect life for her was to have a life like her mother’s and to be successful and smart. Like Charlotte said in the Poetry, her mom was a skyscraper with no foot steps on it or around it, she was like everyone else. During Grade 7 Charlotte was more “childish” just like Ms. Hancock. Because they had this in common, they connected, but later in grade 10, when Charlotte saw Ms. Hancock again, she had taken more influence from her mom over the years. This lead to Charlotte “pushing” Ms. Hancock out of the way instead of Connecting with her again. So, when Ms. Hancock died Charlotte thought it was her fault because she didn’t connect with her.

Charlotte’s mother and Ms. Hancock hade very different personalities, what part of Ms. Hancock’s personality does Charlotte’s mother dislike? When Charlotte’s mother was at the dinner table and Charlotte was talking about Ms. Hancock and how great her day was because of her, Charlotte’s mother stepped in and said some bad stuff about Ms. Hancock, this basically told Charlotte to “not like her”. Charlotte’s mother was also very judgmental when it came to talk about Ms. Hancock. Charlotte’s mother had only met Ms. Hancock once and had already judged her by her appearance and personality. After Ms. Hancock died, Charlotte was crying and saying that it was all her fault, instead of comforting her, Charlotte’s mother went over to Charlotte and said to “grow up” and that she had “disturbed the even tenor of there home”. Overall Charlotte’s mother wasn’t very supportive over the poetry, and she was very judgemental of Ms. Hancock.

Ms. Hancock and Charlotte’s mother both treat Charlotte very differently, how does this affect Charlotte and her life? Ms. Hancock cares a lot about Charlotte, so much that when Charlotte wrote her poetry and Ms. Hancock read it, she was very supportive over the fact that Charlotte had a very different view of her mother than any other kid her age. Ms. Hancock also insisted on Charlotte to keep writing poetry because she was so good and talented. Ms. Hancock saw so much potential in Charlotte to the point where Ms. Hancock started connecting to Charlotte and vise versa. When the words “Charlotte may I see you before you go” came out of Ms. Hancock’s mouth, Charlotte was both scared and excited to see what Ms. Hancock had to say about her Poetry. Even though Charlotte didn’t even know what she was writing down. Ms. Hancock is also more interested in Charlotte’s life than Charlotte’s mother is. Overall Ms. Hancock is a nicer person than her mom. when Ms. Hancock dies at the end Charlotte is devastated and her mother doesn’t try to help her in anyway. Once Charlotte is in grade 10, her mom had so much time in between grade 7 and 10 that Charlotte had completely changed, and pushed Ms. Hancock out of her life. Even though Ms. Hancock was super excited to see Charlotte after all that time.

Ms. Hancock and Charlotte’s mother both play huge roles in Charlotte’s life, without them Charlotte would have had no support though her Middle school and high school careers and she would have also had no help when she needed it the most. Finally, Charlotte, Ms. Hancock, and Charlotte’s mother all affect each other.