

## English 12 Prose

### Scale Point: 3

#### Comment

This paper was awarded a “3” because although the student appears to understand the question and the story, analysis is superficial and limited support is provided. Written expression is conversational and colloquial.

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In Doug Beardsley’s short story “Rite of Passage” some of the characters develop and learn throughout the hockey game.

The narrator develops the most throughout the story. He realizes that he can now play with the “good guys”. He gets the better of his brother who, as described in this story, is quite better than he is at hockey. He also learns, with the help of Dave Ratchford, how to stop Ratchford senior. They realize they would never out play him so they adapt their way of playing to stop Ratchford Senior from scoring.

Mr. Ratchford also develops a little respect for his son because he had the courage to hit his dad. Mr. Ratchford, in my opinion, couldn’t have reacted in a better way by getting up and smiling.

The narrator’s brother also develops a little in this story. He realizes that his brother is getting better and for the first time, got the better of him. So he has a little more respect towards his little brother because of the incident on the ice.

So many people develop and learn throughout the short story whether it be respect or courage. And maybe the next time they all get together to play some hockey they will develop or learn a little more.