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Claim Practice Page

Prompt: How do family dynamics shape a person's identity? Provide examples from Chapters 1–3 of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* to support your answer.

Evaluate the claims below to decide which are strong and which need improvement based on the three qualities of a strong claim:

- Clear: It directly answers the question using language from the prompt.
- Complete: It explains the reasoning with details about how or why.
- Well-Supported: It can be supported by examples from the text.

Claim Statement	Strong or Needs Improvement?	Why? (Based on the three qualities of a strong claim)
A: Families are important in people's lives and can help them grow up.		
B: Family dynamics shape identity because they influence how individuals respond to challenges and build relationships with others.		
C: Kenny's family shapes his identity because they influence his sense of humor and his self-confidence.		