

Sample Details Brainstorming Page

Prompt: How do family dynamics shape a person's identity? Provide examples from both "Mother to Son" and Chapter 9 of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* to support your answer.

Record concise details that help you answer the prompt.

Text	Details
"Mother to Son"	• The mother tells her son that she's faced a lot of challenges → sharing wisdom about the world from personal experiences • She tells him that she kept going no matter how hard it got → modeling resilience • She encourages her son not to give up, even when things are difficult → teaching life lessons • She tells him to stay strong even when life gets rough by remembering that she is also still staying strong → parents can provide support and inspiration for who someone wants to be
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</i>	• Kenny's father explains that Byron is reaching an age where he has to start taking life more seriously and adjusting to a difficult world → teaching life lessons • Kenny's parents have decided to send Byron to Birmingham to give him real-world experiences → instilling resilience • Kenny shares his fears about growing up with his Dad, feeling like he'll never be as capable as his parents → parents can be a source of comfort and support • Kenny's father reassures him that adulthood starts off scary, but with experience, it becomes manageable → offering guidance and modeling optimism • Kenny's father comforts Kenny by saying that each generation learns from the last, and he's confident Kenny and his siblings will be even better parents in the future → parents can help children develop confidence in themselves