

Sample Details Brainstorming 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.

Record concise details that help you answer the prompt.

Character	Details
Momma	• Momma encourages Kenny to apologize for his mistakes and repair his relationship with Rufus → teaches honesty and loyalty (45) • Momma helps Kenny by talking to Rufus → makes him feel supported (46) • Momma wishes Byron would follow the rules and be more respectful of his parents → influences Kenny to want to obey her in contrast (6)
Byron	• Byron teases and sometimes takes advantage of Kenny → makes him sensitive and makes him want to prove himself (6, 8–11); Kenny emulates Byron and teases him when he has the opportunity (19) • Byron is loyal to Kenny at school → Kenny has a sense of protection at school because Byron is a "god" (20–21) • Byron is proud of Kenny for his reading → makes Kenny take more pride in his academic skills (25) • Byron teaches Kenny how to feel less self-conscious about his eye by looking at people sideways → teaches confidence (26)
Dad	• In the cold car, tells jokes and stories to distract the kids → instills a sense of humor and fun in Kenny and helps him see the brighter side of things (2–5) • Dad teases Byron when he is stuck to the car → reinforces this sense of playfulness/type of humor (14–16)