

Opinion Writing Brainstorm Note-taker

On page 118, Marty says, "I begin to see now I'm no better than Judd Travers—willing to look the other way to get something I want."

Write a paragraph explaining whether Marty is correct about himself. Use details from the story to support the argument.

Yes, Marty is no better than Judd Travers	No, Marty is better than Judd Travers
Gives food to Shiloh, family doesn't have extra	Promise- protect Shiloh
Saves one dog, not all	Works hard: collects cans → money for food
Doesn't report Judd, knows Judd is wrong	Overcomes fear, confronts Judd
Lies to people, rumors spread	

My opinion:

Marty's choices show that he is no better than Judd Travers, even though he saves Shiloh.