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Two Paragraph Outline

Topic: Mari and Tyler's friendship changes both of their lives by helping them understand others in new ways. Even though they come from very different backgrounds, their relationship helps them grow through empathy, trust, and responsibility.

Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Tyler's friendship with Mari helps him rethink his beliefs about the law and what it means to do the right thing.

- **Detail:** Beginning → believes laws are always right and should be followed → taught from a young age to obey the law and respect the United States (56)
- **Detail:** Starts to reconsider understanding of right vs. wrong → sees undocumented people can be hardworking and good
- **Detail:** Priorities shift to protecting people he cares about → focus not only on saving the farm but also on helping and protecting Mari and her family

Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: Mari's friendship with Tyler helps her learn to trust others and become comfortable with who she is.

- **Detail:** Lives with fear and a lot of responsibility → constantly worried about La Migra and taking care of sisters
- **Detail:** Opens up to Tyler → Mari begins to share personal thoughts and worries
- **Detail:** Mari feels more confident about who she is → Having a special friend helps her feel less alone and less pressured to choose between being Mexican or American (202)

Conclusion: Through their friendship, Mari and Tyler both grow in understanding, showing how relationships can shape the way people see the world and each other.