Trust me, I'm a Troublemaker.

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Letter 1 – Miranda Jones

Complete a character Profile of Archie Swift using what this letter tells you. You will need to make inferences (i.e. the text will not tell you directly).

ARCHIE SWIFT

Description of Looks:

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Parents:

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Annoying Habits:

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Write a school report for Archie Swift using the information in the letter – think about how your end of year reports are written to write in the correct style.

Short example (yours will be longer than this and must contain examples):

Leah Hilton

Leah is a delightful child to have in the class. She is a helpful child, always volunteering to help everyone out, particularly when others in her group are struggling. Her conscientious attitude means that she is working at an above average level and always tries her best even though this can cause conflict with her peers.

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Why did Archie tell Mrs Byrne it was homework night?
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What did the other children call him?
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How does Archie know he is mature?
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Why did Mr Tinkler go red on January 7th?
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Why did 6 children leave the class on January 8th?
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How had Mr Tinkler changed by January 9th?
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Imagine you are a child who left the classroom on January 8th. Write a diary entry which explains why you left, what you did and why the headmaster had to bring you back.
Why did everyone watch Archie picking up litter?

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Why did they all laugh at him when he said “I’m merely trying to improve your quality of life.”?

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Complete the comic strip below by filling in the missing pictures (remember to put in speech via speech bubbles):

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<th>Archie explained his plan in assembly.</th>
<th>All morning everyone made comments to him.</th>
<th>He attracted one volunteer, but he didn’t stay long.</th>
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<td>Archie became very frustrated with everyone.</td>
<td>Once he realised the crowd could not be persuaded he proceeded to pick up litter on his own.</td>
<td>Instead of disappearing, the crowd decided to annoy Archie for a reaction.</td>
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<td>They didn’t get a reaction and as a result...</td>
<td>Archie ended up sat in a bin with everyone laughing at him.</td>
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The headmaster wants to find out what happened today during the maths class. Summarise what happened from the different characters points of view giving reasons for their actions:

Miranda Jones:

Mr. Tinkler:

Archie Swift:

Another Child in the class:
Chapter 3

What does Archie feel about Cheryl? List his emotions, and explain where you think these emotions have come from.
Chapter 4

You go to school dressed like Archie Swift. Draw yourself dressed as him and around the outside write all the things you would do to show everyone you are the best Archie Swift.

“Hello Miss, is there anything I can do for you?”
Write your own Aunt Prue reply to Miranda’s letter, advising her on what you think she should do.
Chapter 5

Why did Archie lie to his diary?

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What was the lie he wrote?

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What does ‘Cheryls in a bit of a mess’ mean?

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List dad’s arguments to persuade Archie to let Cheryl stay?

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What are Archie’s solutions to Cheryl’s problem?

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Write the speech that Nan gives to dad over the phone on page 62. Think about what she would say to try and persuade him not to let Cheryl move in as well as what made dad shout at her. Make sure your speech fits in with Dad's response.

Of course I was going to tell you about it…it’s just Archie got to you first. And it won’t be for long…and she’s really nice.

Cheryl and I just clicked the moment we left. And she’s been so supportive –

I’m very sorry you feel like that but you’ll have to trust me on this one.
List all the things Archie doesn’t like about having Cheryl and Eliza living with him.

Compose an email to Dad which persuades him to ask Cheryl and Eliza to move out. (Use your list above to help you form your argument)
Re-read Miranda’s letter, before the start of this chapter and explain why she has decided to be kind to Archie, giving examples to make your point clear.

Why did Cheryl punish Archie?

How does Archie feel about the punishment and why?

Give an example of a time when you feel you were punished unfairly. What were you punished for and what was your punishment? How did you feel and how does that compare to how Archie feels?
How has Cheryl and Eliza moving in changed Archie’s ‘mature’ attitude?

10.20pm. What does Cheryl think of the way Dad has brought Archie up?

Tuesday March 3rd

Who is the man with large ears and a grey ponytail?

What was Archie hoping Dad would do when he got home?

Do you think the man is Cheryl’s brother, or not? Explain giving reasons for your opinion.
Wednesday March 4th

Why did Archie smash the fire alarm?

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Often when we have to make a decision we have many different opinions racing through our heads. List the reasons and opinions that might be going through Archie’s head before he pulls the fire alarm.

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What would you do in Archie’s situation and why?
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Miranda’s letter

Explain how Miranda’s opinion of Archie has changed now that she has spoken to him. Give reasons for her change of opinion.

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Miranda says she is devising a plan. If you were her, what would your plan be? Write some instructions explaining your plan in step-by-step form that can be applied to any ‘bod’.

How to change a Bod.

Once you have selected your chosen bod you wish to makeover, follow these simple steps to change their personality, consequently making your life bearable.

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Chapter 7

Miranda talks about 2 types of children, a ‘bod’ (like a small adult) or not. Write a WANTED poster for a bod or a non bod. Remember to start your description with general information, explain what a bod/non bod is (introduction) and then look at specific examples of things they would do (3 paragraphs = 3 examples) conclude your description with the most important things people need to remember when looking for a bod/non bod (conclusion).
Monday March 9th

What does undoing the top two buttons of his shirt symbolise for Archie?

Create a spot the difference:

Archie as a bod (beginning of the book)  Archie at the end of chapter 7

Give your pictures to a partner for them to find the differences between them. List them here:
Chapter 8

Using the information in the chapter, draw a layout of the school, showing all the rooms mentioned. (Tuesday March 17th)

Friday March 20th

Why did the headmaster punish Archie for being out of school? (Find as many reasons as you can)

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What is the evidence that Archie hasn’t left his ‘bod like’ ways behind him? (141-142)

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A reply from Aunty Prue

Why does Aunty Prue think Miranda should not try to change Archie?

Why did the letter make Miranda angry?

Miranda thinks she is right to change Archie. What is the evidence for this?
Thursday March 26th

You are Archie’s Dad, who has just discovered the note. What thoughts run through your head?

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Friday March 27th

Draw a picture of Archie’s new home.
Saturday March 28th

Use the information in today’s entry to explain why you think Miranda behaves like she does.

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Why do you think Miranda’s mum convinced Dad to let Archie stay?

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How has your opinion of Miranda changed through the book?

Beginning –

Middle –

Currently –
Write a play script on Archie and his Nan having dinner together. Remember to write the characters name (initials) before each line and include stage directions.
12.30
What were Miranda and Archie arguing about?

Monday April 6th
Why, when Archie thanked her, did Miranda snap at him?

Friday April 10th
What is it that Archie misses about Miranda?

Friday April 17th
Why did Miranda pretend to be Archie?
Create a Bebo page for Archie Swift (remember to design a background if you want one):

Archie Swift <    >

About Me

Music

Films

Gender

Birthday

Sport

Profile views

Relationship Status

Scared of

Hometown

Country

Archie Swift Says:

happiest when

tv programs

books

Can’t live without
My Account

Account Details

- Username
- Email
- Password

Change Username
Change/Add Email
Change Password

Email Preferences

- Birthday Reminders - Remind me of friends' Birthdays
- Bebo Spotlight - Receive a periodic email spotlighting the Best of Bebo.
- Monthly Newsletter - Latest news and information about Bebo
- Changes Update - Email me a summary of Friends' new Photos, Blogs, White Board postings and Quizzes. *Only sent if changes occurred.*
- Comment Notify - Email me when comments are added to my Profile, Blog, White Board etc.
- Mail Notify - Email me when I'm sent a new Mail Message.
- Friend Story Notify - Email me when someone enters a Friend Story about me.
- Friend Add Notify - Email me when someone adds me as a Friend.
- Top Friend Add Notify - Email me when someone makes me a Top Friend.
- Welcome Email - Receive a welcome email when you become a friend of configured profiles.

Change Email Preferences

Preferences

- Auto-Play Video Boxes - Play videos automatically when I visit someone's profile.
- Show Friends In Common Module - Display 'Friends In Common' module on other peoples profiles.
- Home Page on Login - View friends ch-ch-changes on the Home page after logging in.

Review Profile Comments and White Boards - Approve new profile comments and white boards before showing them. *Don't Approve Comments*

Change Preferences

Ad Preferences

Help us make Bebo ads more relevant and interesting for you:
Choose Ad Category Preferences

Subscriptions

Manage your subscriptions.

Cancel Membership

I must be crazy but for some reason I want to cancel my account.