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THESIS: *The Bronze Bow*

On the lines below, write two (2) possible thesis statements in answer to the following essay prompt. Remember, a strong thesis statement has each of the following characteristics:

- It answers the prompt directly
- It makes an arguable point
- It attempts to explain the text

Essay Prompt:

A literary symbol is an object placed in a story by the author to represent an idea or theme. When the symbol is also the title of the story, we know that the author thinks the idea is pretty important!

In Elizabeth George Speare's novel, what idea or theme does the Bronze Bow symbolize?

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Jane Student

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The Bronze Bow

Thesis Statements

1. The bronze bow represents the thing that is most difficult in one's life to overcome.
2. The bronze bow represents victory in the struggle of life.

Jane, your first sentence above is the better one in answering the essay prompt. Our discussions of the story have focused on the bronze bow as an obstacle or a hindrance rather than a weapon, haven't they? One of our main points has been that the three friends misunderstand the symbol of the bow when they choose it as the emblem of their band of fighters. For this reason, I think you should go ahead with the first thesis. Be sure to make it as specific as possible, though – does Speare suggest a specific difficulty in this story?

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<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>