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MICROCOSM PARAGRAPH: *The Bronze Bow*

On the lines below, write a microcosm paragraph that summarizes the argument for your thesis.

Remember, a microcosm paragraph includes the following elements:

1. Your thesis statement
 2. A paraphrased version of your first 3-sentence quotation
 3. A paraphrased version of your second 3-sentence quotation
 4. A paraphrased version of your third 3-sentence quotation
 5. A clincher sentence (a paraphrased version of your thesis statement)
- } in any order

See formatted, graded example on the following pages.

Jane Student

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The Bronze Bow

Microcosm Paragraph

The bronze bow represents the thing that is most difficult in one's life to overcome. Be more specific about how the story answers the essay prompt directly. What is the thing that's most difficult? For Thacia it represents the ability of God's strength to make the impossible possible. For Joel, it represents how following Jesus can bend someone's hatred into love. For Daniel, it represents God's power of love to soften a hard heart. For all three characters, the bronze bow symbolizes the power of love to do something difficult.

Jane, the structure of your argument is good, in that you are proceeding logically from one character to the next. However, the points you make with each supporting sentence could be more precise. Think some more about how you can answer the prompt completely with a sharp thesis statement. Can you put more information into the first sentence above? This will help you flesh out the sentences that follow and give your essay more substance.

<u>Element</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Structure</u>	<u>4</u>