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Gracie's Choice Writing Assignment

Use complete sentences and examples from the movie when writing your responses to these questions. Read the directions for each section carefully. Responses should restate the question and provide a well-rounded response that provides thought and reflection. Use the TAGS writing strategy to help you form a quality response.

Section 1: Choose 2 questions, 6 points each

1. Why do you believe Gracie's Mom always has to have a boyfriend?
2. Give three examples of how Rowena's (Gracie's Mom) behavior caused disruptions to her family's life.
3. Compare and contrast Rowena and Gracie. How are they similar and how are they different?
4. Give three examples of how Gracie was making decisions for her siblings rather than herself.

Section 2: Choose 2 questions, 9 points each

1. Rowena always told her children that she loved them, but yet she continued to destroy all the good things in their life. Do you believe that Rowena truly loved her children? Explain your answer thoroughly, using examples from the film.
2. Rowena's mother (Grandma) dies in the movie. What are your thoughts regarding how she left her possessions and money? What do you think she should have done?
3. Gracie is the only stable structure within the family; she provides hope and guidance for the young children. Give three examples of how she does this.

Section 3: Choose 2 questions, 10 points each

1. This movie is based on a true story. How do you think this movie could be used to help young people across the country?
2. Put yourself in Gracie's place and describe what you would do in the same situation. Would you turn your mother in? Would you fight to become the legal parent and caregiver for your younger brothers and sisters? Would you give up the opportunity to go to college with the man you love to be there to raise your brothers and sisters? Would you stand up in court against your parent to fight for what is right? (You don't have to answer all of these questions, but keep these in mind when writing your answer.)
3. Analyze how Gracie's decisions will affect not only her family, but also society into the future?