*Coach Carter* Movie – Overcoming Challenges

**Part A – Reflecting on the movie:**

What challenges did each of the following characters face in the movie?

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| **Characters:** | **Challenge:** | **How did he overcome it?** |
| **Kenyon Stone**  **http://www.sportsbusinessdaily.com/photos/sam-and1-1.jpg** | -his girlfriend is going to have a baby – he’s not ready | -abortion – still went on to college |
| **Damien Carter**  **Coach Carter** | -wants to move schools and play for his dad  -step up from being a rookie player  -respect from teammates | - broke his dad’s scoring record – helped tutor |
| **Worm**  **http://img.photobucket.com/albums/v477/claudear/claudia02/antwontanner.jpg** | -skips classes, bad grades | * Went to class, got his grades up |
| **Timo Cruz**  **https://coachcarterleadingteams.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/10270_desk09-1280x10241.jpg** | -dealing drugs  -wants to rejoin the team  -quit team again | -stopped dealing drugs, went to college |
| **Junior Battle**  **Coach Carter** | -can’t read – failing all his classes  -older brother died and he’s struggling with this | -got his grades up – went to class – went to college |
| **Jason Lyle**  **http://tapeta.filmweb.pl/121936/coachcarter_8_1280.jpg** | -minority trying to fit in  -skipping and failing classes | -went to college – went to class, grades up |
| **Coach Ken Carter**  **Coach Carter** | -winning team  -wants them to succeed in life (good grades, go to college…)  -principal, parents, teachers, team members not supporting him-  -no one following the contract | -stuck to his principles – ended up gaining respect of the team |

What lessons can we learn from this movie? Try to come up with 3.

**Part B – Opinion Paragraph Outline:**

Answer the following question in a properly structured paragraph:

**What is the best way to overcome a challenge?** Include:

* 1 example from the story
* 1 example from your life
* 1 example from the media (news, TV show, movie)

**Planning:**

Main idea with 3 points:

1 example from *Coach Carter*:

1 example from your life:

1 example from media (news, TV shows, movie):

Paragraph Checklist

Go over this checklist before submitting your paragraph:

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| * First sentence is indented * Topic sentence includes a clear argument * 3 points listed * transition and your first point * example of your first point with an explanation * another transition and your second point * example of your second point with an explanation * another transition and your third point * an example of your third point with an explanation * concluding sentence that sums up your argument | Spelling and Grammar:   * proper spelling * capital letters at the beginning of every sentence and on proper nouns * periods at the end of every sentence |