

## Writing Activity: Analyzing the Importance of Fitting In

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**Directions:** In most of the selections in this cluster, the main characters weigh the pros and cons of fitting in. Analyze the changes these characters make or refuse to make. Write a short essay entitled “Fitting In Means . . .” Use examples from the stories to support your essay.

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**Directions:** Use the chart on the following screens to help you organize examples from the selections in the cluster to use in your essay. First, find two or three quotations from the selections that show characters struggling with the issue of fitting in. Then comment on what the quotation says about the topic. Use your strongest quotations and comments in your essay.

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Quotation	This example shows that fitting in means . . .
He had gone through four years of high school without leaving a mark. —Jamie in “The Way Up”	making a difference where you are—perhaps so that the place is different because you were there

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### **Remember, a strong analysis**

- states the purpose of the analysis
- demonstrates careful examination of each part of the topic
- supports each point with evidence
- ends with a summary of the ideas presented