

In the book Sweet Valley Twins, Jessica and the Brat Attack written by Francine Pascal, Jessica Wakefield is the main character. Jessica is important to the story because she has taken her twin sister's baby-sitting job {behind her back} and her plan to make money ends up backfiring. The children that Jessica were so excited to meet, and in her head were complete angels, ended up being real devils the very second their mom left the house. Jessica is faced with a dilemma that leaves the reader wondering, "will she call her sister for advice and risk her sister being angry with her, or try to figure out how to control the uncontrollable children?"

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Jessica was sneaky, and selfish in the beginning of the story, but as the book unfolded, she became humbled by her sister's acts. Jessica is sneaky because in the text it says, "I knew how badly you wanted to go to the fair on Saturday and how hard it was going to be for you baby-sitting all day when everyone else was at the park having a great time, so I took your job". Elizabeth stared at her. "You what!"; This proves Jessica was sneaky, because she hid the baby-sitting job, instead of telling Elizabeth. Jessica's motive for being sneaky was because she didn't want to work at the fair with her bad job of working the water balloon toss. Jessica is also selfish because in the text it says, "There were a lot of things Jessica could do with seventy dollars... Elizabeth didn't need the money half as much as she did." This proves Jessica is selfish because she only thought of her needs, not her sister's needs. Jessica's reaction to the badly behaved children was also selfish because instead of trying to resolve the problem with the children, she desperately called her sister, {who she betrayed} for help. Another character trait about Jessica is she becomes humble towards the end of the story by her sister's actions. In the text it says, "Elizabeth cut her off. Realizing Jessica wasn't kidding and really was in trouble, she decided it was time for her to help. 'Have you tried being strict with them?' 'I tried everything,' Jessica cried." This proves Jessica felt her decision to steal the job was wrong and she now has an appreciation of how hard babysitting actually is. To be humble is to realize that you are not the best at something and to realize that you have to respect other people's abilities.

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Elizabeth, Jessica's sister, thinks Jessica is disrespectful. I know this because in the text it says, "Elizabeth stared at her. "You what?" This proves that she couldn't believe that Jessica went behind her back to steal her babysitting job, which is something a disrespectful person would do. Jessica didn't value her sister enough to ask her permission if she could baby-sit her clients. This proves she had no respect for her sister in this situation. Jessica was able to resolve this situation by admitting she was wrong, so her sister didn't think she was disrespectful any more. Jessica's sister, Elizabeth, forgave her. I believe this lesson of forgiveness motivated Elizabeth to respect her sister very much. The lesson that they both learned is to respect each other and ask for each other's advice. Being dishonest and disrespectful never has a good ending, they learned. Another character trait that Elizabeth thinks of Jessica is she is popular in school. I know this because in the text it says, "Jessica loved being the center of attention... She was also a member of the Unicorn Club. A group made of the most popular girls in the grade." This proves that Elizabeth believes Jessica is popular since she says, "She is in a group made of the most popular girls in the grade." I think being popular made Jessica a little insensitive because she didn't think of her sister's feelings in the beginning of the story. Sometimes when you are popular and the center of attention, you

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forget about other's feelings. I think the author wanted to portray Jessica as popular to show that this trait made her insensitive in the beginning of the story. However, being popular does not have to be negative, it should be positive because it means you are well-liked.

In conclusion, this story was an excellent example of how a character can change and grow throughout a story. In the beginning of the story, Jessica was selfish, and sneaky, but by the end of the story, she became humble and respectful. I learned to love Jessica by the end!

Ⓟ Conclusion

