

Thank You, Mr. Falker, by Patricia Polacco

Theme

Supporting evidence from text.

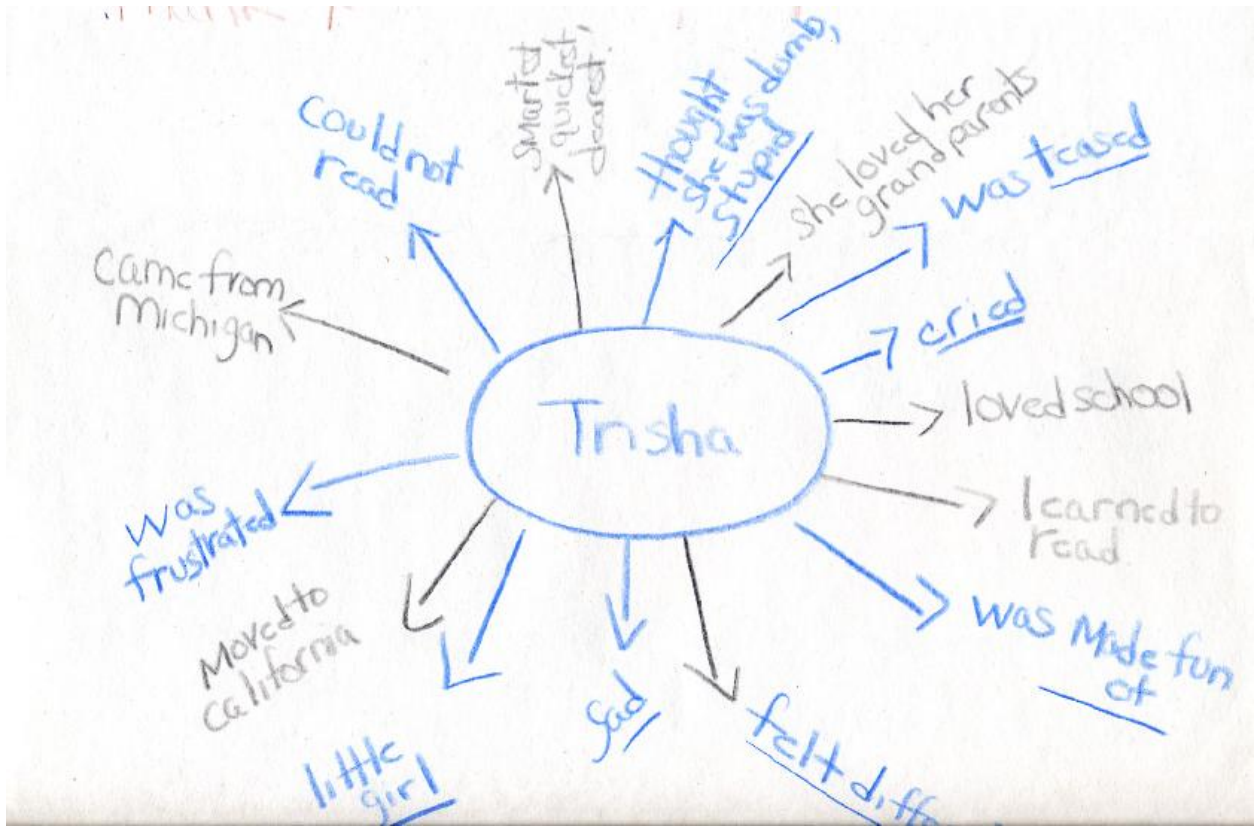
Who in my life has been an influence?

How?

The theme of this book, "Thank you, Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco is to believe in yourself. People can be cruel, mean, and insensitive, but there will be people who will encourage you to be the best you can be.

In the book, Trisha's grandparents were very supportive of her. Her grandmother said she was "smart, quick, and dear". Mr. Falker believed in Trisha as well. He stayed after school and got her extra help so she would learn to read.

In my life, my family, my husband, and my teachers have all been very supportive of me. They encourage me to be the best I can be each day.



Proof - from reading to support each idea.

Encouraging - when Mr. Falker complimented Trisha on her beautiful drawings.

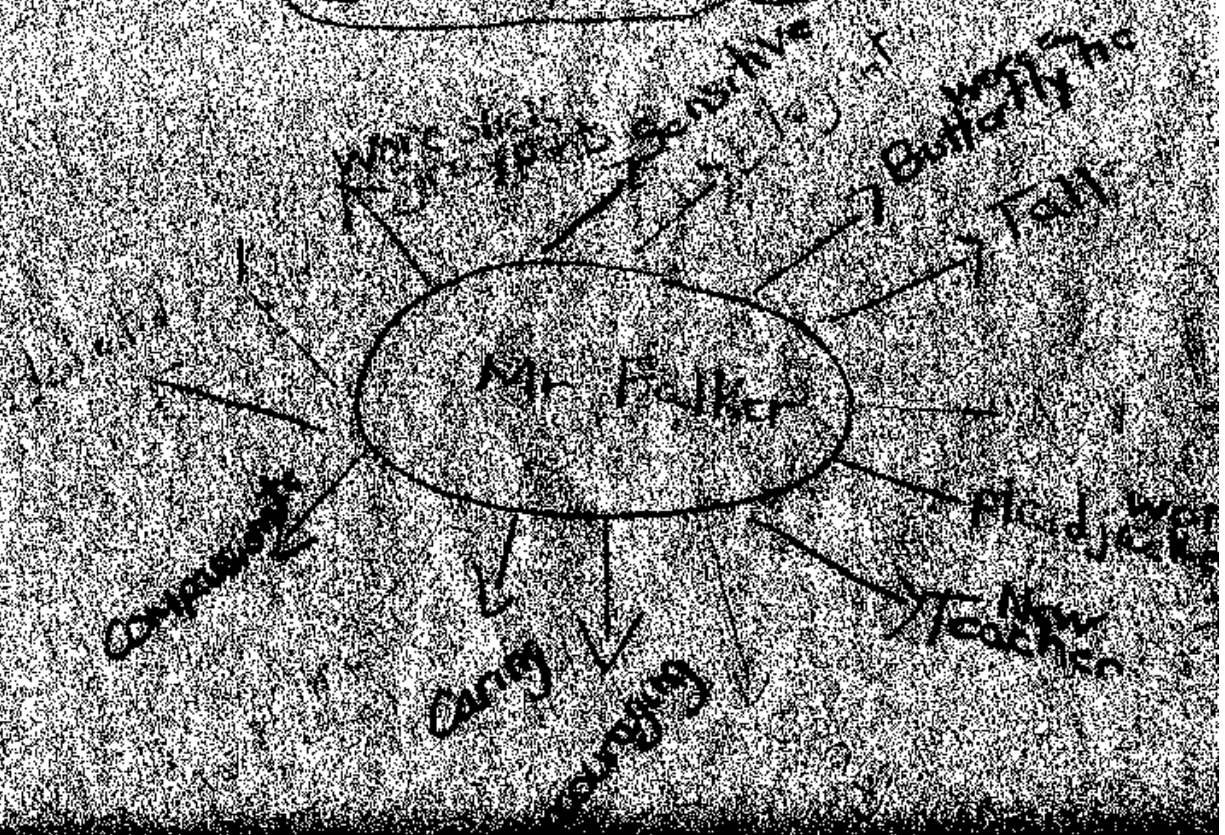
Compassionate - when the class bully Eric was teasing Trisha, Mr. Falker came to her defense.

dedicated - Mr. Falker stayed after school to help Trisha. She would learn to read.

Sensitive - tears formed in his eyes when Trisha read a sentence for the first time.

Thank you Mr. Falke, by Helina Polacco

Character Web - Mr. Falke



Pract from reading to support each idea
could not read - she stumbled over words.

She moved to California - her mother got a teaching
job there.

"Smart, quickest, dearest" - her grandmother told
Trisha she was these things.