

Section 1:

#1 (Opening paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Vivid descriptive language creates a strong atmospheric opening
- Effective use of sensory details to establish the character of Zoe

b. Weaknesses: Overreliance on adjectives Your writing relies heavily on adjectives to describe Zoe, which can overwhelm the reader. For instance, "sunken, alabaster face" and "empty sockets and bloodless cheeks" create a somewhat cluttered description.

c. Exemplar: "Zoe emerged from the mist, her gaunt face materialising from the shadows. Her black hair pulled tight, she clutched a book to her chest."

#2 (Middle section beginning with "Why did he do that?"): a. Strengths:

- Intriguing concept of merging with a character's perspective
- Exploration of deeper themes related to success and dreams

b. Weaknesses: Unclear narrative progression Your writing jumps between different scenes and ideas without clear transitions, making it difficult for the reader to follow the story's progression. The sudden shift from the theatre to "Across America, a billion light years away" is particularly jarring.

c. Exemplar: "As Zoe merged with the character, she felt a shift in perspective. Suddenly, she understood the weight of unfulfilled dreams, not just on stage, but across America."

#3 (Concluding paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Powerful imagery of the American Dream collapsing
- Thought-provoking redefinition of success

b. Weaknesses: Rushed conclusion Your conclusion attempts to tie together several complex ideas very quickly, which can leave the reader feeling overwhelmed. The sudden realisation that "the American Dream was a fraud" feels abrupt and underdeveloped.

c. Exemplar: "As the realisation spread, people began to question their understanding of success. Perhaps it wasn't about a predefined path, but about pursuing one's own desires, however simple they might be."

Actionable task: Rewrite the middle section (#2) focusing on creating clearer transitions between the theatre scene and the broader reflections on the American Dream. Ensure each shift in perspective or setting is clearly signposted for the reader.

Overall score: 43/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

- *The American Dream's Fate

Zoe emerged from the misty entrance as her sunken, alabaster face materialised] from the shadows. Her slim, black hair tightly pulled back in a ponytail, empty sockets and bloodless cheeks embraced in her face. Bony hands trembled as she reached for her precious book tucked in her coat. "Here, take this. It's the original copy of the play." She rasped. A hand reached out from the dark. "Thank you. You may sit here." It replied.

#1 The lights faded out and the show began. "That's not how the play is supposed to begin. They aren't supposed to have that motivation." Muttered Zoe as she skimmed the first page of the book. And at the tip of the final word, as if they had affected the actor's movement, he faltered on the stage. In another world, a billion ~~lightyears~~ [light years] away, a salesman rejected a soul crushing job, the ~~life-line~~ [lifeline] of the American Dream crippled under his hands.

#2 "Why did he do that?" Exclaimed Zoe.

"I'm not sure but the only way to truly know is to become him."

Zoe let his body wrap around ~~her's~~ [hers], soul and heart replacing mine, one for one. She felt all the pain and burden that he had suffered all this time. She released the body. "What if his tragedy isn't failure, but what if it's his unfulfilled dreams, and his inability to redefine his success?" Zoe claimed. Across America, a billion light years away, bolted up teenagers who had recovered from their syndromes and started laughing.

"Did you see his expression as he fell? He had this grin on his face, like this whole thing was a fraud! Maybe that's the key to why this happened. As if she spoke the truth, the actor's house turned into a key of aspiration. In the world far beyond reach, countless people questioned the meaning of success.

"I'm sure that he shouldn't have faltered on stage though." Exclaimed Zoe as they both emerged from the exit. "Maybe this whole thing is tied to another whole world!" And with that word spoken, the universe rumbled with anger as the American Dream collapsed under its weight."

#3 A scream of anguish shook the world. People ~~realized~~ [realised] that the American Dream was a fraud. Nothing of it was real. What really was success is getting what you want, and it could be as simple as trying to hit a ball with a bat. Success, ~~man~~ [many] people thought, didn't just have to be getting a job, children, etc. It was about filling what you want to fill. And that was the end of the American Dream.**