

# Student Reflection Page: **Everett Hamilton**

## Grade Level: **High School**

Complete this reflection page after watching the Deeper Look video: Everett Hamilton. In this piece, Everett Hamilton speaks of how he mentored and helped his nephew Dwayne turn his life around. Write your responses, using examples from the video and your own experiences.

1. When he was in high school, Dwayne’s mother sent him to live with his uncle when she discovered Dwayne was on the verge of joining a gang. Do you think this was a good idea? Why or why not? How would you react if you were sent away from home “for your own good”?

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2. Everett Hamilton says he wanted to show Dwayne “how to effectively critique himself on a personal level.” How did he do this? Was he successful? Why or why not? Do you think the changes will last? Why or why not?

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3. Why does change require a person to take responsibilities for one’s actions? Can a person do this alone or does it take a mentor to help the person take responsibility and make a change? Explain your answers.

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4. At the end of the piece, Everett Hamilton encourages other adults that are in a position to help younger people or influence them do so. He says, “I know that the world will certainly be a better place.” Respond to this statement using evidence from the videos and your own experiences.

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