Montmorency –
A Quick Critical Evaluation of Literature

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Anti-hero?

- In your jotter, write two lists:
- The first will be a list of examples of Montmorency’s behaviour which is good. e.g. Saving Fox-Selwyn.
- The second will be a list of examples of Montmorency’s behaviour which is bad. e.g. Stealing the tramp’s clothes.
The question.

How far do you agree that Montmorency deserved a happy ending?
Introductions

• The name of your text
• The name of the writer
• The date of publication
• The gist of the story
• What your essay will be about
For example

• “Montmorency” is an historical novel, written by Eleanor Updale in 2003. The story is about a young criminal who uses the newly-built sewers of London to commit a series of burglaries. This essay will look at whether the actions of Montmorency deserved a happy ending.
Or

- Eleanor Updale’s 2003 historical novel, “Montmorency” is about a criminal who uses the sewers of London to commit burglaries. This essay will analyse whether the protagonist of the novel deserved a happy ending.
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- Point
- Example
- (Context)
- Explanation
So...

Point
• Montmorency shows his worst side when he steals clothes from a tramp.

Example
• We are told that “Montmorency might have hopes of becoming a gentleman, but Scarper really wasn’t a very nice man.”

Context
• This occurs just after Montmorency’s first raid, when he does not have any money to buy more clothes.

Explanation
• Clearly, this is a very unpleasant thing to do to anyone, and it is hard for a reader to sympathise with the character when he does this.
Which looks like

• Montmorency shows his worst side when he steals clothes from a tramp. We are told that “Montmorency might have hopes of becoming a gentleman, but Scarper really wasn’t a very nice man.” This occurs just after Montmorency’s first raid, when he does not have any money to buy more clothes. Clearly, this is a very unpleasant thing to do to anyone, and it is hard for a reader to sympathise with the character when he does this.