

Writing Exercise #2  
***Standing Ground***, The Book

**READ** the following quote from Israel in *Standing Ground*:

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“Clarisa, I just want you to know that I listened to  
what you told me at the hospital, and I’m tryin’ to change  
some things. I’m not sayin’ that everything is perfect, but  
I am changing some stuff.”  
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Often times, people change their minds about things. At one point in their life, they  
believe one thing. Later on, that person may change their mind and feel different.

**WRITE** an essay explaining the affect that changing one’s mind may have on their  
friends, family, and future. Please limit your essay to the page given.

- clearly state your controlling idea
- organize and develop your explanation effectively
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences