

# CONFLICT AND CHANGE

In the first book of the *Divergent* series, Tris made the life-changing choice about which faction to join, but now she's realized that that choice could destroy her. As friends betray her and war rages between the factions, Tris isn't sure whom to trust, including her friend Tobias (also known as Four), who works in the Dauntless (brave) faction and trains initiates. All she knows is that she has to try to save those she loves — and in doing so, save herself.

Here are quotes from Tris and Four, taken from *Divergent* and *Insurgent*. What do their statements tell you about their character traits? How have they changed over the course of the two books? How have they stayed the same?

## DIVERGENT TRIS

"People tend to overestimate my character," I say quietly. "They think that because I'm small, or a girl, or a Stiff, I can't possibly be cruel. But they're wrong."

"Can you be a girl for a few seconds?"  
"I'm always a girl," I frown.

"I am selfish.  
I am brave."

"I will save my family. And whatever happens after that doesn't matter."

## INSURGENT TRIS

"I don't really understand why he likes me so much. I'm not very nice, am I?"

"Don't call me little girl."

"[Tobias] still believes that I am strong. Strong enough that I don't need his sympathy. I used to think he was right, but now I am not sure."

"I thought I had gotten to the point where I didn't need my brother anymore, but I don't think such a point actually exists."

## DIVERGENT FOUR

"... I am deeply suspicious of people in general. It is my nature to expect the worst of them."

"I want to be brave, and selfless, and smart, and kind, and honest."

"Becoming fearless isn't the point. That's impossible. It's learning how to control your fear, and how to be free from it."

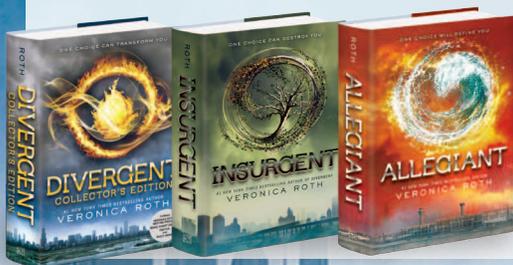
## INSURGENT FOUR

"Sleep," he says. "I'll fight the bad dreams off if they come to get you."

"I'll be your family now," he says.

"I can't be in anyone's debt. Okay? The idea that I owed you something made me sick."

Now, on a separate sheet, write a descriptive paragraph about Tris's or Tobias's character development, comparing and contrasting their character traits as the story progresses. Support your writing with quotes from this sheet.



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