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↓ ~~Transitions~~^{ing} may be confronting, or
challenging, resulting in a range of
consequences for the individual. As
a result of this, ~~new~~^{attitudes} and beliefs
may be challenged offering new
attitudes and beliefs for individuals
and others around them. This is
particularly ~~clear~~^{the} of the pre scribed
and related text, 'The Story of Tom
Brannan' by J.C. Burke and 'Remem-
ber the Titans' by Boaz Yakin.
Both individuals in these two texts,
^{Tom Brannan and} ~~Tom~~ ^{experience} ~~cross~~ ^{to} new attitu-
des and beliefs as a result of
their transitions into new phases of
life.

In 'The Story of Tom Brannan' by
J.C. Burke, Tom and his family
experienced a forced transition as
a result of the actions of Tom's
older brother, Daniel. This does
ultimately challenge Tom's attitudes
and beliefs. Flashbacks are used
to show what life was like for
the Brannans and what forced them

to transition - Daniel's accident. The story within the story helps to show Tom's emotional state because of this. The ~~story~~^{transition} is recounted through Tom's point of view in a colloquial vernacular so as to help the reader better understand how he is feeling and ~~the process of his transition~~^{the process of his transition}. However, through contrast of his old life - Mumbilli and his ~~old~~^{new} life - Cognell, we can see how Tom is really affected by his forced transition. With motifs assisting the contrast, we can see Tom's ~~attitude~~^{attitude before the} accident was happy and carefree free enjoying himself. But, as a result of the accident, Tom's attitude changes to ~~depressed~~^{negative, anxious} and depressed, always referring to the 'darkness' within him. This can also be noted when Tom says: 'I hated the past and yet, I hated the present nearly more.' This demonstrates that Tom's attitude has changed negatively as

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a result of his forced transition.

Towards the mid-care and end of the novel, Tom's attitude and beliefs begin to change as he starts to slowly and successfully transition. This is seen through symbolism of hills and mountains and new relationships. With symbolism on hills and mountains such as the 'Ascent' at Grans, 'Daniels Whine' at Mumbilli and 'Mount Everest' in the novel, demonstrate Tom going through various obstacles and overcoming them. This shows the beginning of his attitude begin to change as he begins to get an 'appetite of life'. This new attitude can also be seen when Tom begins to develop various new relationships with his sister Kylie as they fix the bond between them and talk about the causes of the accident, and his Gran and Uncle Brendan



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because of the support she provides which is seen when Gran buys Tom's plane ticket to Nepal with Brendan. Tom also develops a very close and strong relationship with Chrissy because she makes him feel comfortable and confident. This is noted when Tom says, 'Tom Brennan came back forever' after they have sexual intercourse. Here, Tom begins and does fully and successfully transition into his new life, resulting in Tom's attitude and beliefs ^{challenged,} changing positively.

In the movie 'Remember the Titans' by Boaz Yakin, Gerry experiences a new and positive phase of his life through a forced transition that does ultimately challenge his attitudes and beliefs. At the beginning of the movie, when the white and black students desegregate into the football team at T.C. Williams High School, Gerry experiences difficulties in getting

along with one of his black team mates, Julius Campbell, as a result of racial discrimination. At the beginning of football camp, through a medium shot, the two boys fight in their shared room over a poster mounted on Julius's wall. Non-diegetic sound of up beat rock music plays in the background as the two boys fight over the pointless argument. A similar event occurs during the scene 'Attitude Reflects Leadership'. Through a range of camera shots and angles, we see Julius and Genny fighting over getting to know each other and playing football as a team. Julius forces Genny to work on his leadership skills as inequalities are occurring throughout the team. Genny takes this information ~~on~~^{on} board and applies it to their next practice game which ends successfully with the team winning. Julius recognises Genny's change, chanting with him at the end, 'left side,

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strong side'. This forms their new relationship which can also be noted when Gery calls Julius his 'brother'. This demonstrates Gery's attitudes and beliefs changing as he realises that everyone is the same despite physical differences. The ~~to~~ two boys work together, solving their problems and getting to know each other, challenging and changing Gery's attitudes and beliefs. This helps him to transition successfully.

It is through these two individuals, Tom and Gery that through the process of transitioning challenges and changes an individual's attitudes and beliefs positively. This can be done through a range of consequences or new ~~relationships~~ ^{relationships} made with others, through new phases of life.

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