

Bless me, ultima



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Bless me, Ultima, by Rudolfo Anaya, is a novel about the process of self-discovery and the power of inner strength. The young Character of Antonio Marez endures a series of valuable life experiences that allows him to mature and see the world from a different perspective. Antonio Marez goes from ignorance to intelligence, making him a dynamic character. Early in the novel, Tony Marez can be described as a smart, yet ignorant character. For instance, when Tony awoke from his slumber he's realizing that " when I thought of leaving my mother and going to school a warm, sick feeling came to my stomach"(page 7). Tony was like most of the kids that are going to school for the first time, they have trouble letting go of their mom for a whole day. Especially Tony, since him and his mother have a very strong bond. In addition Tony says to his mom while she cooks, and talks about what life Tony is going to choose, the Marez or the Lunas, " But I am growing, every day I grow older." Tony proves that he is one of the smarter characters in the novel. Because Tony is only six years and he is thinking about his future and what he want to do with it. However Tony does show some ignorance. While Tony is walking to school he meets Horse and his crew for the first time in the novel. " But my father often said that a man from the llano does not run from a fight." This shows that Tony has not fully developed his way of thinking. Anyone else would have just walked away from the fight but he takes what his dad says in context and fights, proving that Tony is a smart, yet ignorant character early in the novel. Later on in the novel Tony goes from ignorance to wise and intelligent. For example, " I nodded but I had to turn and wave for the last time...I knew that I would never see them n that beauty of early-morning, bright sunlight again." By this time of the novel Tony is developing his way of thinking. Tony is

foreshowing that might not see Ultima alive again. Furthermore, “ Then maybe I don’t have to be just a Marez or Luna, perhaps I can be both.”(Page 247) Tony is with his dad while they are going to Tony’s uncle, when he has an epiphany about not having to choose between his two families. Tony goes through the process of thinking like an adult and resolving his problem professional. Thus proving that Tony starts to think and act more of an adult throughout this novel. Tony started as an ignorant character early in the novel. He had to go through many crossroads to convert into a wise character. As he encountered these crossroads he gained confidence to think on his own and not depend on his parents. And these crossroads lead to his self-discovery and the power of inner strength.