

## **“Eleven” Support/Refute Organizer**

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	<b>The narrator (Rachel) explains that people don't always feel or act the age they actually are.</b>	
	<b>Mrs. Price puts the sweater on Rachel's desk because Mrs. Price remembers her wearing it once.</b>	
	<b>Rachel handles the sweater mix-up maturely—as though she is not bothered by it and as though she is older than an eleven-year-old.</b>	
	<b>When Phyllis says the sweater is hers, Rachel feels much better and everything is okay.</b>	
	<b>Rachel tries to make herself feel better.</b>	

## “Eleven” Support/Refute Organizer (Answer Key)

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Support (Evidence For)	Statement	Refute (Evidence Against)
<p>“And when you wake up on your eleventh birthday you expect to feel eleven, but you don’t.” (1)</p>	<p><b>The narrator (Rachel) explains that people don’t always feel or act the age they actually are.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Mrs. Price puts the sweater on Rachel’s desk because Mrs. Price remembers her wearing it once.</b></p>	<p>“That stupid Phyllis Lopez, who is even dumber than Sylvia Saldivar, says she remembers the red sweater is hers.” (19)</p>
	<p><b>Rachel handles the sweater mix-up maturely—as though she is not bothered by it and as though she is older than an eleven-year-old.</b></p>	<p>“I don’t know why but all of a sudden I’m feeling sick inside, like the part of me that’s three wants to come out of my eyes...” (12)</p>
	<p><b>When Phyllis says the sweater is hers, Rachel feels much better and everything is okay.</b></p>	<p>“But the worst part is right before the bell rings for lunch.” (19)</p>