Assignment and issues identified by writer:
The assignment is to write a literary analysis comparing two characters from the texts read or movies watched that change because of their experiences on the road. Carmen was concerned that she was not giving enough support and wanted someone to look over her paper for mistakes.

What you noticed/what you recommended:
The paper was a good start, and Carmen was very concerned about her grade. However, it lacked adequate support (examples, quotations, etc.). Therefore, I had Carmen talk about the works in her paper and gradually she began to see how to add in more support. Her thesis was very general, so we worked to make it stronger. Also, I explained to her the idea of the literary present, which was lacking in some of the paper.

Writer's Web / other materials provided and any follow-up plans for the writer:

We used writer's web to go over prewriting, clustering, and past/present verbs. I encouraged Carmen to contact me again with any questions or concerns she has as she revises her paper.