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The Sound Of Defiance

Directions: Read the passage carefully. As you read, **highlight or underline** any lines that show how each friend's voice or attitude differs. After reading, explain how word choice, tone, or phrasing reveal each friend's personality. Then, write a **short paragraph** describing which friend's voice feels stronger or more persuasive, and why.

"Rule Talk"

"Come on, Mia," Jordan sighed, spinning his pencil between his fingers. "The rules are there for a reason. If everyone just did what they wanted, school would be chaos."

Mia crossed her arms. "Maybe chaos is better than being told when to breathe. We can't even wear hats in class! What does that have to do with learning?"

Jordan chuckled softly. "It's about respect. Some people take rules seriously."

"Respect is earned," Mia snapped, her eyes flashing. "Following every little rule doesn't make you respectful; it makes you scared to think for yourself."

Jordan leaned back, smiling. "You sound like you're starting a revolution."

"Maybe I am," Mia said with a grin. "And the first rule I'd change is the one that says we can't question them."

Response Section:

1. Which lines best reveal **Mia's** voice? Describe her attitude toward rules.
2. Which lines best reveal **Jordan's** voice? Describe his attitude toward rules.
3. How do their word choices or tones differ?
4. Who seems more persuasive to you, and why?