

Read the character descriptions and pick the one from whose perspective you want to make your argument for or against the proposition to abolish Unwinding. Remember, you will be personifying this character to the best of your abilities. When you have selected one, highlight it and make it bold, so that no one else takes that character.

1. **Todd Parmenter** Connor Michael Lassiter (the “Akron AWOL”) is a sixteen-year-old boy whose parents signed the unwind order. He runs away and shoots the JuveyCop who chases him with the cop’s own tranquilizer gun, creating a legend about the Akron AWOL. Connor changes from being an uncontrolled fighter to person who contains his rage enough to rationalize and see what’s hidden in many dangerous situations. He finds an unexpected loyalty to the Admiral, the leader of a runaway unwind camp where he is staying, and becomes a leader of the AWOLs.
2. J.T. Nelson, **Raymond Hoare**, is a former [Juvey-cop](#) who chased Connor when he was running away. He was tricked by [Risa Ward](#), and Connor managed to take his tranquilizer gun from him and tranq’d him with his own gun. This was the act that made Connor the legendary Akron AWOL, and Nelson a laughing stock. He soon became involved in the parts pirate business, capturing AWOLs and unwinding them on his own, gaining money and seeing them suffer. He is obsessed with having his revenge on Connor and being the one to take him down and take his [unwound](#) eyes.
3. Logan Smith **Levi "Lev" Jedediah Calder** is, at thirteen, the youngest of ten children. He is described as angelic, with blond hair and blue eyes. Unlike Connor and Risa, Lev has a good relationship with his family. They are a very religious family and very loving towards each other. Unfortunately, however, as the tenth child in the family Lev is a "tithe," which means that he is slated to be unwound as a religious sacrifice. Lev's family gives one tenth of everything—including their children—as a sacrifice to the church. At the beginning of the novel, Lev understands his role as a tithe and is willing to give himself for unwinding. He always knew that he would be unwound, and understood that it was his life purpose. On his way to the harvest camp, however, Lev is abducted by Connor. The events which follow cause Lev to question every aspect of his life, especially his unwinding. As the story continues, Levi begins to feel that his parents love God more than they love him, which causes him to feel more and more hatred towards his family for wanting to tithe him. He becomes a clapper, but when is supposed to explode himself, he turns himself in, realizing he doesn’t want to end his life.
4. **Risa Megan Ward** is a fifteen-year-old teenage resident at a StaHo (State Home) orphanage in Ohio. Risa is a very skilled piano player, but was scheduled to be unwound to cut orphanage costs and because the orphanage felt she had already met her full potential. She is inherently distrustful of people, but on the inside she is very emotional and caring. Risa is also extremely smart, resourceful, and tough girl who can take good care of herself. During their escape she manages to get food, clothes, and to get out of many sticky situations. She is very knowledgeable about taking care of young babies and wounds. She becomes a medic in the Graveyard because of her experiences at the

orphanage. Risa sees a great change in Connor when she helps him control his emotions and to think rationally about the situation instead of just fighting. (Hannah?)

5. **Ariana Amber**- Connor's girlfriend. At first, she agrees to run away with him when he learns he is being Unwound, but when he comes for her that night, she refuses to go with him, saying she can't give up her life. nah- a young teacher who helps Connor, Risa, and baby Didi escape the school when the Juvey Cops are looking for them. She takes them to Sonia, who gives them sanctuary, and adopts Didi herself, pretending that Didi was storked on her and her husband. [Vanessa Ambs](#)

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6. Didi- the baby storked by a young mother without options, adopted by Hannah, the young teacher, and her husband, and raised in a loving home. Mari Cortez
7. The trucker who helped Connor escape. He has an arm from an Unwind, and he can still do card tricks with it, even though he never learned any himself. When Connor is caught running away, so is the trucker, and he is arrested. **Kaleb**
8. Lev's Pastor Dan Garrity. At first, he encourages Lev to accept his role as a tithe. But when Lev gets a chance to escape, he screams at Lev to run away and never come back, to escape being Unwound. He says he doesn't believe in a God who demands child sacrifice.
9. Lev's older brother Marcus, who disagrees with the rest of the family's happiness and well-wishing about Lev's tithing and Unwinding. He gets drunk the night before Lev's tithing and throws his glass against the wall, and refuses to talk to the rest of the family.
10. Sonia Rheinschild, who gives all the AWOLs a safe haven and starts them on their path to the Graveyard (a safe house). She makes them write letters to someone they love, wisely advising them, "Just because no one loves you doesn't mean you don't love anyone." She will mail the letters if someone bad happens to the AWOLs after they leave her. **Bryan Valdez**
11. Cyrus "CyFi" Finch is a mixed-race 15-year-old, who was originally a storked child, taken in by a father. He is not an Unwind. He ran away from his family because the thoughts from an Unwind's temporal lobe (part of the brain), which he received after a car accident, spontaneously takes over his own thoughts and causes him to steal things. CyFi's case is unusual because brain transplants are normally done with tiny pieces from multiple donors. However, CyFi's father paid off a doctor to acquire one full piece of the temporal lobe. This helps CyFi maintain his high IQ, but also results in compulsive orders from the donor. Cyrus constantly fights between the disorder he is now dealing with (kleptomania) and being himself. Marcos Mendoza
12. Rocky **CyFi's dad**. He adopts a stoked badby, loves him and raises him well, and pays off a doctor to give his son a whole temporal lobe (part of the brain) after an accident.

However, this causes his son to become a kleptomaniac (one who steals uncontrollably), and his son runs away.

13. **"The Admiral"** gives runaway unwinds a safe haven from the "Juvey Cops" in an airplane junkyard. He feels terrible about unwinding his son, Humphrey Dunfee, and finds all the people who received a body part from him and brings them together to bring Humphrey back together and apologize. He has a heart attack and refuses to receive a heart transplant from an Unwind, even though he would live longer that way. Lynnie Lucas
14. Roland has a shark tattoo on his arm, and he and Connor clash on many occasions, since both of them like to run things their way and have strong personalities. Roland is malicious and doesn't seem very smart, but he actually uses this to manipulate situations and get what he wants. He turns in Connor and Risa to the authorities in exchange for his own escape, but they are all arrested. After being unwound, his arm is given to Connor, who has assumed a false identity and lost his own arm. Russell Wharton
15. Hayden Upchurch is a boy Connor and Risa encounter along with Roland and Mai in Sonia's basement. Hayden's parents are extremely wealthy, but when they went through a divorce, the only situation they could agree on was to have him unwound, rather than the other parent having custody of him. Hayden helps Connor and Risa running the unwind camp. He would rather die than be Unwound, and is very loyal to Connor.
16. Mai is an Asian girl Connor and Risa encounter along with Roland and Hayden in Sonia's basement. Her parents are Unwinding her because they had too many girls in the family before they finally got the son that they wanted. Her boyfriend Vincent is accidentally killed by their rescuers, and she hates the world. She eventually becomes a clapper, detonating herself alongside Blaine at the Harvest Camp.
17. Blaine is another clapper who helps blow up the Harvest Camp (see above). Many AWOLs take their chance to escape in the confusion, but many innocents also die in the explosion. Ismael Cruz
18. Vincent- Mai's boyfriend, another AWOL who is accidentally smothered to death by his rescuers when they hide five AWOLs in a box instead of four.
19. Cleaver- the only other adult, besides the Admiral, who works at the Graveyard and knows about all the AWOLs there. He is the Admiral's personal pilot, but he is secretly recruiting some of the AWOLs (such as Mai, Blaine, and Lev) to become clappers and blow up harvest camps. [Logan Cannady](#)
20. Emby is also called Mouth Breather because he tends to "wheeze" out of his mouth most of the time due to his asthma. Emby's family is poor, so when he had a lung transplant, they could only afford a lung with asthma. This lung belonged to the Admiral's

son, causing The Admiral to take Emby away to his home in Texas, but not for evil purposes.

21. SANTI-Camus Comprix was created from exactly ninety-nine unwound body parts. He has memories that were from the brightest Unwinds and the best athletic physical parts. He is supposed to be the best of humanity, but he is also the worst in humanity's eyes. He is made of parts from people that were deemed indecent. He is not any "one" of the people that make up him, but himself. Cam finds himself attracted to Risa Ward. This is mainly because Risa was the last crush of the the math genius in him, Samson, before he was unwound. Cam came into being and spent the beginning of his life in a leper colony turned research facility on Molokai in Hawaii.
22. Roberta is the woman assigned to oversee Cam's progress and development. She teaches him to walk and talk and can best understand his scattered speech. At times she is like a mother, but Cam grows to despise Roberta, seeing her as the woman who only cares for him because it is her job. Brandon Curtis
23. **Alan Baray** Mason Starkey was a child of uncertain race storked in Southern California to a sienna (African American) family. Mason is intelligent, but he grew up feeling unwanted, and acted up because of it—fights, drugs, and even stealing a car. He was constantly bullied by kids at school who called him "Storky." His parents finally decided to have him unwound. His sister Jenna stood up for him, but he was ultimately still sent away, after revealing his father's infidelity. Mason grows dissatisfied with Connor's authority as time goes by, and he begins plotting his own rise to power with his fellow storks.
24. Jenna Starkey is the adoptive sister of Mason Starkey—the biological daughter of the parents who took him in. The night before Christmas, Jenna had been sleeping when the Juvey-cops came for Mason, whom their parents were sending off to be unwound. Awakened by the commotion, Jenna was furious at them for wanting to unwind him because he was storked and made a case, telling them that they might have had her unwound to if she was storked. When her father told her to get back to bed, she defiantly refused and witnessed Mason's departure. - **Yanira**
25. Miracolina Roselli is a former tithe who was saved from unwinding. She was conceived in an effort to save her brother, Matteo, who was diagnosed with leukemia when he was ten, who could only be saved with a marrow transplant from a sibling. When she was born, a marrow was taken from her hip and given to Matteo. Her parents promised to "return her to God" if she could help save Matteo. As she grew up, Miracolina accepted her responsibility fully, but her parents became attached to her were unwilling to let her go. On the day of her transport to a harvest camp, she is rescued and slowly convinced by Lev (another former tithe) that she deserves a life. When she is caught by the JuveyCops, she is brought back to her family since her parents decided not to sign her unwinding papers, after all. **Julia Jacobs**

26. Zach Rasmussen is an annoying boy from Miracolina's school who used to tease her about being a tithe and being Unwound soon. [Devon Marshall](#)
27. Noah Falkowski is a boy set to be unwound at 15 who was saved by Connor Lassiter a day before his pickup date. When Connor appears, Noah's parents take him for a JuveyCop, and they argue, saying that they are not yet ready to surrender their son. Connor then tells the parents their intention to rescue him, and Noah is dragged out of his room. When Connor tells him that his parents were going to have him unwound, he refuses to believe him until Connor forces them to tell him the truth. Furious, he asks Connor to hurt them, but Connor does not. Rather, he asks Noah's parents to write down the reasons they have decided to have Noah unwound, and Connor reads their reasons to them out loud, hoping to make them realize how silly they were. Noah's mother tells Connor that they were "desperate" and unwinding was suggested to them, and they did try to be good parents. Noah's father breaks down in tears. Noah gathers his things and leaves, but not before telling his parents that he hates them. [Hadden Robertson](#)
28. Dylan Ward is a ward of the state who also ends up in the Graveyard. After a dare with his friends that involved an engine turbine, he is severely injured and is rushed to the hospital when the camp medics are unable to treat him. When he is saved, the nurse told his companions that he was dead, planning on giving him over to the Juvey-cops. However, when Risa finds out, she saves him by turning herself in. [Cory Rothe](#)
29. Bennett Garvin is an AWOL who is trapped and turned in to a parts pirate, who Unwinds him in a painful way and sells his body parts on the black market. [Preston Chaithon](#)