



Examining Student Work: A Protocol for Improving Reading Instruction


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Outcomes 

- Understand the intent of the standards
- Identify the rigor needed to meet mastery
- Learn how to unpack the standard
- Examine student work supportively and critically
- Discuss instructional implications

Agenda 

- Review the standard (Maryland)
- Align rigorous task: unpack the standard
- Take the task
- Unpack the task
- Examine student work samples at different levels of proficiency
- Discuss implications for instruction

The Standard 

- Maryland Outcomes
 - Grade Bands 3, 5, 8
- Montgomery County, Maryland
 - indicators at every grade level


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The Task

- Write a summary of the story, *Saved by a Fly*



Scoring Guide

- 0 Completely off topic, completely incorrect
- 1 Minimal understanding
- 2 General Understanding
- 3 Complete; Fully addresses the question

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Saved by a Fly
A Native American Story
Retold by
Feana Tu'akoi

One day, a giant moose came to drink at a river. He was very big and very thirsty. All day long, he drank and he drank.

The other animals watched as the river started to empty. They were very worried.

"What shall we do?" moaned Beaver. "If Moose drinks all the water, our homes will be ruined."

"It's OK for you," burred Salmon. "You can live on land if you have to. Without the river, I'll die."

"He's got to be stopped," roared Buffalo. "Someone should scare him away."

"Well don't look at me!" growled Bear. "That moose is twice my size. One flick of his antlers, and I'd be off to the moon."

The others nodded sadly. Bear was right. They were all too scared to try and make Moose leave.

"Let me try." Buzzed Fly.

The animals look at Fly in surprise. Then they started to laugh.

"Ha, ha. How could you stop Moose? Look at the size of you!" roared Buffalo.

"Just watch me try," buzzed Fly.

Fly few onto Moose's shoulder and bit him sharply. Moose flicked his enormous head, but he kept on drinking.

Fly landed on Moose's back leg, biting hard. Moose stamped until the ground shook, but he kept on drinking.

Fly moved to Moose's front leg and bit again. Moose was getting mad now. He splashed his leg into the river to get rid of Fly, but he kept on drinking.

Poor Fly nearly drowned, but he was determined not to give up. He flew hard to dry out his wings. Then he stopped to get his breath back.

The other animals were worried. "Come back, Fly," they called. "We're sorry we made fun of you! Stop before you get hurt!"

But Fly didn't listen. He made one last, angry attack. He zoomed around and around Moose's head, biting and buzzing madly. Moose shook his head, stamped his feet, and splashed in the water. But Fly kept on buzzing and biting.

Moose snorted and blew. He lifted his head and gave a mighty roar. But Fly kept on buzzing and biting.

Fly was driving Moose crazy. Moose ran up and down the riverbank. He stomped and roared, making the ground shake as if there were an earthquake. He rubbed himself against the trees, then rolled in the water. But Fly kept on buzzing and biting.

At last, realizing that he was beaten, Moose left the river for good.

The animals were overjoyed.

"You've saved my life!" burred Salmon.

Fly smiled and buzzed tiredly. Well, that just proves you can do anything if you try hard enough!"

**Taken from the Maryland State Department of Education's website*

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SAMPLE 2

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One day, some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river

One day some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river. The moose was drinking all the water from the river and the animals were to scared to make the moose go away so a fly came along and try but the animals just laughed at him. The fly tried his best and didn't give up and made the moose go away.

SAMPLE 3

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One day, some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river

One day some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river. The animals were worried. At first they did not know what to do then a fly came and said, "I will try and get rid of him." At the end of the story the fly got so angry that he buzzed and he bite all over the moose. I think the author was trying to say that no matter what people say do what you think is right. Try and try do not give up. This reminded me of when I could not ride a bike and I tried and kept trying. In the end I knew how.

SAMPLE 4

Write a summary of this story. Use the sentence below to begin your summary. Write your answer in the box.

One day, some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river

One day some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river. A salmon said, "he can't live without the river." So the animals decided to scare the moose away and they were all scared to scare the moose away. So a very brave fly came and said, "I will scare the moose away." The animals made fun of him. Next the fly went over to the moose and bit him on the leg it didn't work so he bit him on the head and continued and the moose left.

SAMPLE 5

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One day some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river. The other animals are worried they might not have water but fly stops him by buzzing and bitteing so at the end moose goes away so everyone is happy and fly was the hero. The theme was that moose was drinking all the water and the animals were mad so fly goes and tries to get him out and I think the theme was you can't always stay there and wait let other people do it.

SAMPLE 6

Write a summary of this story. Use the sentence below to begin your summary. Write your answer in the box.

One day, some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river

One day some animals watched a big moose drink water from the river. They were all afraid of the moose. Salmon said he could die without water. The little fly heard them and helped by biting and buzzing the moose. Finally the moose left and all the animals were overjoyed. The theme of this story is no matter how small you are you can always help someone the way fly helped others.