New England Common Assessment Program

Student Work Samples 2012

Grade 8

Reading

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In this passage it is obvious to the reader that painting is important to Dad. One way we can tell is that he carries a camera with him in his truck just so that he can take pictures of things to paint later. We can also tell that it's important because he proceeds to paint in his backyard, even though it isnt very picturesque. I think it is a way to spend time with Julianna, too. Since he is always telling her stories about when he was a kid, she learns a lot more about him. I also think it is important because it is sort of like his time to break free from the world. In the passage, Julianna described him painting, and she said, "It's almost like his body has been possessed by some graceful spiritual being." You can tell that painting is Dad's happy place, and that it is an important part of his life.

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Painting is important to Dad because it gives him time to be creative and think about life at the same time. He always has a camera in his truck so he can get a picture of landscapes he comes across. Also its obvious that painting is very important to him since he has to paint in his not very pleasent backyard. Another reason is it gives him a chance to get to know his daughter better and find out what's happening in her life and his daughter gets to know him better too.

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Painting is important to her dad because in the story, it talks about her dad keeping a camera in his truck just to take pictures of stuff he can paint. she says "...it's almost like his body has been possessed by some graceful spiritual being." to describe how he feels when he paints. He even uses painting refrences to describe a perspective of real-life situations.

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The reader knows that painting is important to him because he takes pictures of nature and other objects and paints them.

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Because he makes money to feed hem and his Daughter.

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Building an igloo is hard work, and there are many challenges that must be faced in order to complete one. To start off, a trench must be dug; the trench allows the builders to have easier access to the hard snow. Once the trench is dug, the builders have to scrape away the first layer of snow to get to the better second layer. When that is found, they have to make sure the snow is hard enough, "If you can poke your finger through, it's too soft". The builders have to cut out the blocks using small handsaws. The blocks are large and weigh at least ten kilograms each.

To build the igloo, the builders have to find a spot and stomp on it to pack down the snow. The blocks, when stacked, must be wedge-shaped to a degree in order for the igloo to be round, the blocks must be fitted together very tightly, and the gaps filled with snow when finished.

The igloo needs a door, so a small tunnel must be dug big enough for someone to slide in on their belly. A hole must be made in the top for ventalation. Overall, the difficult, long process takes four men around six hours, 75 blocks for the building, plus all the blocks that were broken in the making.

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Making an Igloo isn't all its thought to be. There are many challenges while creating this snowy structure. A crutial part of making an igloo is finding the right snow, it takes experience to know which snow is perfect for the construction of the igloo. Second, you have to make a solid fondation for the igloo to stand, which means packing down a lot. Third, you have to cut more than 70 rectangles made from snow, and place them all together to create the dome. And lastly you have to dig an entrence hole big enough so you can scoot under it without it falling apart.

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The first challenge is finding the right snow and to find the right snow you poke your finger through it, if it goes through its to soft. Then you find a good spot and step on the snow to harden it then you start building your igloo in a spiral formation. lastly you dig a tunnel to get into your igloo & make a ventilation hole.

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Some of the challenges you may face while making a igloo could be; Finding dence enough snow to cut blocks out of. Trying not to break the snow blocks while taking them out.

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The snow/ice can be dangerous. You could get frost-bite, or it could collapse on you.