New England Common Assessment Program

Student Work Samples 2009

Grade 7

Reading

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Dillon uses his imagination throughout the passage beginning with the impression that the cottage that they arrived at was smiling at them. Later in the passage, Dillon imagines "shoes tumbling Mrough the clouds, sneakers, and pastel-pink sandals tripping through the air," as the author puts it. This thought made Dillon feel happy inside. Then, Dillon goes on about the "what if's," until he comes back to his senses. Next, Dillon uses his imagination by thinking that a grasshopper that his sister Daisy found, was staring at him as if it was going to say something to him. Even after Daisy set the grasshopper free, Dillon was thinking about how the grasshopper was staring at him as if to say something, and how it's eye was like "a moonbeam piercing the night." Dillon is probably just an average boy who likes to use his imagination a lot.

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Dillon shows he is using his imagination in many ways throughout this passage. First off, he thinks about shoes falling From the sky and what if he could fly. Also, what if you could see around the corner before even getting there and, what if people called him david instead of Dillon. He seemed to ask plenty of what if questions. Lastly, there was a grasshopper and Dillion was pretty sure that it had a message for him. That is how Dillion showed he was using his imagination throughout this passage

❼ Dillion shows him using his imagination by saying that the grasshopper was trying to send him a message. Grasshoppers can't talk messages or have telapathic senses so that is one thing of imagination. Another on is that the grasshopper's eye peroed into his eye like moonlight going through the night. So those are the parts of the story that he uses his imgination in this story.

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Dillon shows that hes using his imagination throughout this passage because he says that the grass hopper is trying to talk to him, the house is smiling. it's blue stained clipbords is is beaming under the sun. Dillon couldn't help but smile back. that is how he shows he's using his imagination throughout this passage.

❼ You can tell he is using his imagination Because he thinks the grasshopper wants to say Something to him and its an insect.

❼ Dillon Dad stop the car
At a cottaged that's how
they found the cottaged's.

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Crawford Lake is a "meromictic lake." Which means it is very deep. So many thing fall into the lake and stay there for thousands of years. But Scientist were intrested what is at the bottom of the lake. So they filled a heavy hollow tube with dry ice to make the mud really cold. Then they lowered it into the mud in the lake. After waiting ten minutes he pulled it up. They found that it there was a thin frozen layer of mud. So they take it back to the lab. The botanist studies the frozen mud. There he found many layers in the mud, two for each year. The furthes down they went the older they were. They also found corn pollen. The scientists wondered why there was corn pollen at the bottom of lake. It turned out Native people had lives on the shores of the lake and planted corn crops.

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The methad scientists used to collect and study bottom samples at Crawford Lake was first by filling a heavy and hollow tube with dry ice to make it freezing cold. Then lowering the tube deep down into the mud, It starts freezing the mud onto the tube. 10 minutes later, he pulled the heavy tube up to the surface, taking frozen mud on the tube with it. Then they study the frozen mud, looking for pollen. After making observations, if the scientists found somthing unusual, they would study that, bringing it to other scientists to help figure out their find.

12 They had to fill a heavy hollow tube with dry ice to make the tube freezing cold. He had to lower the freezing cold tube into the lake and the mud. He let it sit there for ten minutes and then pulled it up. When he pulled it up it was coated with a thin layer of frozen mud.

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They collected mud by filling a heavy hollow tube with dry ice to make it freezing cold.

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They collected basket full of stone axes & Head Arrows &
Archaeologists dug up the Barnyard the found Pottery, Food
storege Pits Stains from old Fire pits & marks in the Earth
from along Time Ago.