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Boxes and Bullets Essay Planner

Introduction with Claim:

The story "Slower Than The Rest" show that Leo was a caring boy.

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

First, Leo was caring becuase he rescues a turtle.

- Evidence 1: Micro Story - Leo saw the turtle and stopped
- Evidence 2:Quote: Leo picked up the turtle
- Evidence 3:List: Cares to rescue the turtle.

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

Next, Leo was caring because he makes a home for Charlie.

- Evidence 1:Micro Story: Leo made a home for Charlie
- Evidence 2:Example: Made a home
- Evidence 3: _____

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

Lastly, Leo was caring because he took care of Charlie's happiness.

- Evidence 1:Micro Story: Leo took Charlie outside
- Evidence 2:List: Leo cares for his happiness.
- Evidence 3: _____

Conclusion- Restate Claim:

The story "Slower Than the Rest" shows that Leo was a caring boy.

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Boxes and Bullets Essay Planner Non Example

Introduction with Claim:

In the story "Salt in his Shoes" Michael learns that hard work pays off.

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

Michael learns to stand up to the kid making fun of him.

- Evidence 1: _____

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

Michael learns to work hard and practice basketball everyday.

- Evidence 1: _____

Support: Reason, Way or Time When

Michael learns to believe in himself.

- Evidence 1: _____

Conclusion- Restate Claim:

We are learning to develop support for our claims.

Claim Statement: The story "Slower Than the Rest" shows that Leo was a caring boy.

- First, Leo was caring when he rescued a turtle.
- Second, Leo was caring when he took care of Charlie.
- Lastly, Leo was caring when he taught everyone about the animals affected by forest fires.

Claim Statement: The story "Slower Than the Rest" shows that Leo was a caring boy.

Reasons	Ways	Times When
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leo cares to rescue an animal.- Leo takes care of his pet.- Leo cares about the animals in forest fires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leo rescues a turtle.- Leo makes Charlie a home.- Leo takes care of Charlie's happiness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>In the beginning</u> Leo rescues a turtle.- <u>There is also the time</u> when Leo makes Charlie a home and entertains him.- Lastly, near <u>the end</u> there is the time when Leo makes his report about the danger animals face in forest fires.

Teacher Sample - Boxes + Bullets

Claim: Rachel struggles to stand up for herself.

R1: Rachel struggles to stand up for herself **because** she is feeling all of the ages inside of eleven.

- ☐ **Quote** "...When you're eleven, you're also ten, and nine, and eight, and six, and five, and four, and three and two, and one. Rachel says this because you can still have many emotions inside of you from those ages, even though our are eleven.
- ☐ **Quote** "Some days you might need to sit on your mama's lap because you're scared, and that's the part of you that's five. Rachel proves that sometimes you might struggle to act and feel grown up. She's already feeling unconfident herself at the start of the story.

R2: Rachel struggles to stand up for herself **when** Sylvia Saldivar says, "I think the sweater is Rachel's"

- ☐ **Example**: A moment that illustrates this point, is when Rachel opened her mouth but nothing came out.
- ☐ **Quote**: "That's not, I don't, you're not...Not mine," I finally say in a little voice that was maybe me when I was four. This shows that Rachel can't stand up for herself to Sylvia

R3: Rachel struggles to stand up for herself **when** the teacher made her put the sweater on.

- ☐ **Micro story**- Rachel struggles to stand up for herself when she is forced to put the sweater on. Instead of telling Mrs. Price that the sweater is not hers, Rachel reluctantly puts on the sweater. She put the itchy, germy, cottage-cheese smelling sweater on one sleeve at a time. Rachel felt that the sweater was actually hurting her. If she would have stood up for herself, she would not have had to endure this torture.
- ☐ **Repetition** "Not mine, not mine, not mine" This proves that Rachel still struggles to stand up for herself, even to the teacher.

Conclusion: Rachel struggles to stand up for herself.

Slower than the Rest - Evidence

Reason 1

Quote

The story "Slower Than the Rest" says, "But his little sisters squealed when the animal stuck its ugly head out to look at them, and they thought its claws were horrifying, but Leo loved it from the start. He named it Charlie." This shows that even though Leo's sisters were scared and grossed out by the turtle he cared for it from the beginning.

Gathering Evidence: Lists

Reason 1 List

Leo cares to save a turtle's life, Leo cares to take the turtle home, Leo cares to name him Charlie, and Leo cares to hug his turtle as if he is family.

Reason 3 List

Leo cares because he takes Charlie outside and lets him roam around, Leo cares because he talks to Charlie like he is a friend or family member, and Leo cares because he gives a presentation on how even the little animals are important.

Reason 2

Example:

Leo was caring when he made a home for Charlie. For example Leo took Charlie into his home and immediately found a big box for him and filled it with radishes and lettuce. This shows that Leo was caring toward Charlie.

Micro Story

Support 3

Restate reason, Tell the story of what happened, Tell what the character DID NOT DO, Restate reason

Leo was caring because he took care of Charlie's happiness. Everyday after school Leo took Charlie outside to wander around and get some fresh air. Charlie also got to explore the backyard. For example, Leo didn't just leave Charlie cooped up in his cardboard box in the house. This shows that Leo was caring and took care of Charlie's happiness.

Micro Story

Support 2

The story "Slower than the Rest" shows that Leo was a caring boy when he made a home for Charlie. Leo got a box and put holes in it. Then he put radishes and water in the box for Charlie. For example, he didn't just leave Charlie to wander around and get hurt in the house. This shows that Leo cares about Charlie when he made a home for him.

Steps to Using a Quote as Evidence

- Choose a reason that you need evidence for
- Review text and find parts that may support that reason
- Tell **who** and **from what text** you are quoting
 - The students from "Slower Than the Rest" said, "..."
 - In the Text, it says, "..." or The Text says, "..."
- After you add a quote or any piece of evidence, you should **explain** exactly how these words or actions support your point.
 - This shows that...
 - This is proves...
 - This is important because...
 - This is evidence that...

Reason 2

Quote

Leo was caring when he made a home for Charlie. In the story “Slower Than the Rest” “He settled Charlie in a cardboard box, threw in some lettuce and radishes, and declared himself a happy boy.” This shows that Leo was caring because he made a nice home for Leo.

Micro Story

Support 1

Restate reason, Tell the story of what happened, Tell what the character DID NOT DO, Restate reason

The story “Slower Than the Rest” shows that Leo was a caring boy. Leo spots a turtle in the middle of the highway and feels the need to rescue it. He picks it up off the highway and brings it home. For example, Leo did not just leave the turtle in the middle of the highway to get hurt. This shows that Leo cares about living things even small turtles.

Dancing in the Wings Evidence

Micro Story Support 3

Restate reason, Tell the story of what happened, Tell what the character DID NOT DO, Restate reason

The last way, the story, Dancing in the Wings, teaches us that people should never give up on their dreams is how Sassy is teased but she never stops dancing. For example, one day in dance class the teacher announced that there would be tryouts to go to a special dance performance in Washington D.C. Molly and Mona started to make fun of Sassy. They said that she was too tall and had no talent. They also said that Sassy was as tall as a tyrannosaurus. Sassy did not give up and went to the audition with confidence. This shows that Sassy didn't give up on her dreams even when she was teased.

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Quote: In the text, it says, "Quote", This shows...

Reason 1

In the story Dancing in the Wings the text says, "I couldn't hide the tears I felt welling up in my eyes, so I just grabbed my dance bag and ran into the parking lot." This proves that even though Sassy was embarrassed during dance class she continued to dance

and pursue her dream of becoming a dancer.

Reason 3

In the text *Dancing in the Wings*, Mona said, "Oh please, she'll never make it. They said talent, not a tyrannosaurus." This is evidence that Sassy gets teased but she never gives up on her dream of becoming a dancer.

List

Reason 2

Sassy makes the mistake of wearing a yellow tutu, Sassy makes the mistake of holding her leg up too high, and Sassy makes the mistake of leaping in the air beyond the counts of the music. Even though Sassy made these mistakes she still stayed through the entire try out. This proves that Sassy is focused on making her dreams come true.

Example

Reason 1

The story *Dancing in the Wings* teaches us that we should never give up on our dreams even when we get embarrassed. One example of this is when Sassy gets made fun of in dance class. She runs out of the dance class as quickly as possible. This shows that even though she gets embarrassed she still returns to dance class and ends up trying out at the audition.