

Dream Story: Khalil Almansoob

Khalil's dream story was very interesting! He uses descriptive language throughout his entire story. Most things he does describe are dark: the mountains, the cave, and the old man's hair and clothes. The only element that has a light element is the clothes of the audience members. The addition of this element creates an ominous feel to the soccer game and opposes the darkness of the other elements.

Khalil has many parallel themes throughout his entire dream story. I liked his parallel use of a soccer game at the beginning and at the end of his story. Even though he does end up scoring in the second soccer game, the audience is still angry at him just like in the first game. Another parallel element has to do with running. He cannot run during the soccer game and also cannot run from the large crowd at the airport. He similarly describes that he does not know how he got to the airport as well as America. He thinks he will die in both the cave that becomes closed off and during the plane ride to America.

Khalil's story kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time I was reading it. I never knew what was going to happen next and really enjoyed it. The only thing I would change is looking at his grammar. For instance, he needs to put the dialogue in quotation marks. He also uses a lot of commas.

Dream Story: Dhruv Patel

Dhruv's dream story presents a great picture. I find it interesting that his dream starts with his alarm at 8am and he also wakes up to his alarm at 8am. His dream is of an almost-normal school day except for the fact that there are no other students or teachers to be found. The only people other than himself are the bus driver, who begins his journey to school, and the lunch lady, who ends his journey at school. He also does not seem to question that there are no other people in the school except when he discovers the lunch lady. The fact that he stayed and completed his work without any teachers there shows his character as a person.

He uses great descriptions of the classes he enters and what he does in each class. He does worksheets, draws pictures, makes food, and watches a documentary without question. His description of watching the boring documentary is super interesting, as he describes "leaving reality".

Overall, Dhruv's story is great. The only thing I would take another look at is some of his word choices. For instance, I think he meant "exiting reality" instead of "existing reality". He does have a couple run-on sentences as well that should simply be divided into 2 separate sentences. Since he described no one else in the school, I did not expect the lunch lady to appear.

Dream Story: Allyson Rhea

Allyson never uploaded a Dream Story, so there was nothing to critique or comment on.