

Writing Nonfiction Reviews

Reading a Sample Draft

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Read a sample nonfiction review.

As you read this draft, notice how the writer put the parts together.

"Superman Takes Off" Review

It's not every day that you learn how a superhero was born. But when you read "Superman Takes Off" by Stephen Krenzky, you sure do! The article tells about how Superman made his debut and why he, literally, took off.

Did you know Superman began in the imagination of a high schooler? The student's name was Jerry Siegel, and he imagined that having the power to jump over tall buildings would finally get the attention of the girls in his class. However, the superhero of his imagination didn't get a name until he talked to his friend Joe Shuster talked about the idea. In fact, they decided to make "Superman" the villain of the short story before making him a comic-book hero! The article includes many more twists like this.

I enjoyed the article because it showed how Superman began as a daydream in the mind of a normal student. I also liked learning about all the hard work it takes to turn a dream into reality. For example, Siegel and Shuster tried for many years to convince their bosses at DC Comics to publish Superman. Another great thing the article does is show how Superman fought injustices that were connected to real-life problems of the time.

The main message I took from the article is that great characters do not just magically appear. They start as an idea in the mind of a real person based on real experiences. It shows that all of us have the potential to create the next big thing through hard work and dedication.

If you love comics or superhero movies, you will want to read this article as soon as you can. In addition, anyone who wants to learn the process of creating a great work of art or literature will find a lot to learn from the article. I know I sure did.