

Calvin (The BOY) and Hobbes (The TIGER)

COMIC STRIP DIALOGUE PARTNER ASSIGNMENT

PROJECT SHEET – 25 pts There's a lot more to dialogue than just figuring out what people say. You need to know how to punctuate it, break into paragraphs, add narration, vary tags, and **VARY** tag placement. Even when you are given the words, there is a **LOT** to do. This assignment focuses on those other components that are often overlooked.

-3 pts if FULL names are not typed on the top

- 8 Points **NARRATION** w/ Imagery and **DEVELOPMENT!** (have sentences that go **BEYOND** dialogue to clarify setting, tone, plot, etc.)
 - 4 pts Varied / Interesting tags (see ½ sheet – avoid said) and 3 Vary Tag **PLACEMENT** (some in the beginning, middle, or end of the dialogue)
- 9 pts **PROOFREAD / MECHANICS** (note punctuation rules – see mentor texts)
 - 4 pts **PARAGRAPHING** (start a new paragraph for ea new speaker)

Directions: Please read over the comic strip with your partner. **Transfer** the dialogue Calvin and Hobbes share into narrative form. Be sure you use **extra narration** to describe what Calvin and Hobbes **do** as well as info about the **setting and emotions**. I need to be able to **SEE** the images in my head even if I wasn't looking at the comic. You should have **MORE** narration than dialogue.

Be sure to

- VARY your dialogue tags, (see ½ sheet)
- the placement of the tags (front, middle, end),
- use proper paragraphing (start a new paragraph for each speaker), and
- **ADD NARRATION and imagery to clarify the setting, emotion, and plot.**
- Also PROOF CAREFULLY!! Lots of people loose pts for this. SEE MENTOR TEXTS AND NOTE COMMA RULES

This may seem easy since you WILL BE USING THE SAME DIALOGUE FOUND IN THE COMIC STRIP. Therefore, the **words inside the quotes will be the SAME as we see in these conversation bubbles.** **HOWEVER, you will be adding narration, imagery, tags, punctuation, and paragraphing.** Therefore, the end product will look quite different and be much more DEVELOPED than what we see here. This assignment shows there is a lot more to dialogue than simply determining what the characters will say.

- Lit and Comp 300 words double spaced – 12 pt standard font
- English 10 225 words double spaced – standard 12 pt font
- Lit – one pt off for each error Eng 10 ½ pt off for each error

CLEARLY PLACE PARTNERS' NAMES ON THE TOP of the PAPER to AVOID a point deduction! – 3 pts if names are missing

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