

PTM 9

Student Sample Log Starter and What If and Why?

Log Starters

1. When I began reading the book *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum*, I thought that it was nothing of interest because it doesn't make sense that Muna has never seen his father or know how he was.
2. My favorite part, so far, in the book was when Muna and Takanobu first met. I thought it was hilarious when Muna was trying to set the bales of rice on fire with the lamp.
3. I predict that Muna finds out that his father died in a battle or war.
4. I like the way the writer is descriptive about Rashomon Gate. I felt that I was right there in the story at the Japanese capital.
5. I was surprised that Takanobu told Muna that he was his father because in Muna's sandals, it must have been depressing that his so-called father was a disrespectful, gambling thief, when Muna thought that his father was going to be an honorable and respected samurai.
6. If I had written this book, I would have said that Muna knew his father so that his search would be easier because he would know what he's looking for.
7. The character Fukuji reminds me of my dad because they are both strict, and they both keep things straight around their houses.
8. This book made me realize that not everything you want is perfect and straight out of the box.
9. This book made me think about how Muna is ever going to find his real father.
10. When I finished I wondered why Muna didn't change his name to something that he liked.

What If and Why?

1. The time of day that Muna would be is night because he is sly and the black of the night represents slyness.
2. The type of fruit that Muna would be is a coconut because he is always talking about how empty and hungry he is, and a coconut is mainly empty.
3. The type of shoes that Muna would be is an old pair of sneakers in the beginning because he was poor. But at the end of the story he is a new pair of sneakers because of the wealth and fortune that comes to him.
4. A sound effect that he would be is a tune from a Japanese stringed folk instrument because of his Japanese background.
5. The season that Muna would be is spring because they both get a new life from the cold poor winter they had.
6. The word I would use to describe Muna is *outgoing* because he would do anything to find out who his real father is, even steal a sword.
7. A metal item I would use to describe Muna is stainless steel because even when Muna gets in bad situations, he gets out of them, similar to how stainless steel avoids rusting.
8. The car that I would describe Muna is a broken down Volkswagen because he is poor and unclean, just like the car.