

Collins Great Writing Project

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Enemy in the Fort by Sarah Masters Buckey

Title: “Saying I’m Sorry”

Project Summary: Now that we’ve finished Enemy in the Fort, we have a good understanding of what it was like to be a Colonist and an Abenaki Indian in the 1750’s. Different races, religions, and cultures can very often disagree or misunderstand each other. It is important that different people learn to appreciate and peacefully get along with one other. As either Isaac or Rebecca we are going to write an apology letter to Isaac or Rebecca. The purpose of the letter is to apologize to the other character for not taking the time to try and understand instead of judging him/her.

Purpose: The purpose of this writing is for you to show how you can compare and appreciate the different lifestyles of the Colonists and Abenaki Indians.

Writer’s Role: You are writing from the perspective of Rebecca Percy or Isaac in the book Enemy In the Fort by Sarah Masters Buckey.

Audience: You are writing to either Rebecca Percy or Isaac from the story.

Form: The form you create will be a letter of apology.

Focus Correction Areas: FCA: CLEM 4 Pts
FCA: One Interrogative Sentence 3 Pts.
FCA: Neat Handwriting 3 Pts.

Procedure:

After each chapter we will do a quick write that responds to a different question each day. The questions are below.

Prior to Reading: Type 1: By looking at the title and the cover, what do you think this book is going to be about? Who is the enemy? What is going to happen?

Chapter 2: Type 1: How does Isaac feel about the Colonists? How do you know?

Chapter 3: Type 1: If you were Rebecca, what would you do now?!

Chapter 4: Type 2: How is Isaac’s relationship with Rebecca different from his relationship with Selinda?

Chapter 5: Type 2: Has Rebecca’s opinion changed about Isaac?

Chapter 6: Complete “Who Stole the Spoons?” organizer (see last page)

Chapter 7: He’s Your Responsibility – Befriending Isaac

Type: 3 FCA #1: Complete Sentences
6 Lines FCA #2: 4 ideas of what you would do with or say to Isaac

Since you speak perfect Abenaki, Captain Stevens has just asked you to go to Widow Tyler's and meet and be a friend to Isaac. What are you going to do? What are you going to say? Write your ideas below, making sure to check your FCA's!

Chapter 8: How Is the Story Going to End? Make Your Prediction

Type: 3 FCA #1: Capitalize names and sentences
6 Lines FCA #2: Two reasons explaining why you picked this ending

What do you think is going to happen? How will the story end for Rebecca, Selinda, and Isaac? Write what you think will happen below making sure to explain why. Be sure to check your FCA's!

Chapter 9: Who's the Best? Deciding Who in the Story is Someone You'd Like to Know

Type: 3 FCA #1: Accurate Describing Words of the Character
6 Lines FCA #2: Legible Handwriting
FCA #3: 3 Reasons Why

With so many different kinds of characters in the Enemy in the Fort, who do you consider someone you would like to be friends with, admire, or just get to know better? Would it be Ezekiel? Captain Stevens? Mrs. Cutter? Rebecca? Below tell who you would choose to get to know better and explain why. Be sure to use good describing words (e.g. "I like Mrs. Cutter because she's tough and doesn't let anyone change her mind.")

Chapter 10: Hidden Feelings – How Does Isaac Feel Living in the Fort Now?

Type 3 FCA#1: Clearly stated opinion
6 Lines FCA#2: 2 Reasons explaining opinion

Now that the party was raided and colonists have been kidnapped by Native Americans, how does Isaac feel living in the fort? Share and explain your thoughts below.

Chapter 11: Isaac Takes a Risk – Will He Make It?

Type 3 FCA#1: Capitalization of Names and Sentences
5 Lines FCA#2: 2 Reasons Why

Isaac has run away from the fort! Will he make it? What do you think? Remember to consider his age, his equipment, and the time of year. Watch the FCA's!

Chapter 12: Life at Fort #4 – A Typical Day for Rebecca and Selinda

Type 3 FCA#1: End Punctuation – at least two ! in your writing
5 Lines FCA#2: Minimum 3 Details to Explain your perspective

So what is a typical day like for Rebecca and Selinda? What have you noticed so far about their daily life? Write below if you think it's a hard life and explain why or why not. Remember: FCA's!

Post Book: Type 3 "Saying I'm Sorry" letter as described on page one.