

**Grade 2 Character Problem Solution Red Wolves
Feedback for Improvement of Writing**

Task: Imagine that you were camping and you hear a noise. You go to investigate. Write a story to tell what you found and what happened next.

Summarizing Framework:

This story is about me.

The problem was being surrounded by red wolves while camping.

The problem was solved when the wolves decided to leave and I returned to camp.

What worked:

- The story started as close to the main event as possible.
- There is a good **sense of story** with a distinct beginning, middle and end.
- The **word choice** is advanced: *sprinted, shadows of trees seemed to reach out and grab me, cold air whipped against my face, eyes like holes staring at me, I stood frozen, cool night.*
- Strong use of the **senses** in the description of the forest (setting).
- **What do Feelings Look Like** - "My Heart was pounding. I stood frozen."
- **Entertaining Beginning:** Sound, thought/question, dialogue, action
- Great use of **red flag words and phrases for a Magic of Three segment of Suspense.**
- **Main Event-solution to the problem.**
- **Extended endings**-memory, decision, wish.

What's Next;

Feedback with Prescriptive Lesson:

CHOOSE a Focus Skill: What skill will make the biggest impact for this writer?

Main Event: Extending the main event - meeting the 25 wolves - using the Menu of Main Event productive questions.

Section 5 Lesson 3 Main Event - Guided Practice

Section 5 Before and After Revision Activities

CHALLENGE or EXTENSION LESSONS:

This student is already successfully writing a powerful narrative. This student would benefit from reading her work aloud in order to hear how some of the language is repetitive and the sentence structure is choppy. Additional lessons in extending the main event with slow motion action will enhance the overall story. One way of challenging this writer might be to change the

perspective of the story. This is written as a first-person narrative, what about writing this from the point of view of the wolves? Another way to challenge this writer would be to write it in present tense - this is written mostly in past tense.

The red wolves

● Entertaining
Beginning
SOUND
DIALOGUE
THOUGHTS
ACTION

Aooooo, I heard as I lay in my sleeping bag.

"Can't sleep," I yelled as I sat up. "Too much noise." I said. I wonder what's making it. I

looked around - nothing. So I stood up and

sprinted towards the forest. The forest floor

● was damp. A funny smell filled the air

Powerful
word
choice

Shadows of trees seemed to reach out

to grab me, cold air whipped against

my face as I ran through the forest.

Red
flag
word

Hint #1

Just then, I heard the sound again. Aooo

Hint #2

Red
flag
word

A moment later, again I heard the sound

Hint #3

Aooo. They were closing in. The next

Red flag
word

thing I knew, there were flashes of red every where. Then it stopped. There standing right in front of me were 25 big red wolves! Grrr they all growled at me. They ran circles around me howling. I

tried to run but they followed. Their sharp teeth seemed to hurt just looking at them. Their eyes were like holes staring at me. My heart ^{love how you shared feelings!} was pounding. I stood frozen

Conclusion →

They looked at me once more then ran into the cool night. I looked around

once more fog was closing in. So I

sprinted back to the camp fire. As I lay in my sleeping bag I thought to myself, I wish I never meet the wolves again. Just remembering their sharp teeth made me scared, I decided I would never leave the camp fire by myself again.

Extended ending
memory, decision, wish