

Writing Focus

1. Setting the context for the piece of writing (background)

2. Transitions between ideas

When you think of the future, what do you see? Robots that can cook up delicious meals with the touch of a button? Your own private planes to fly you anywhere you desire? This is exactly what *Just A Dream's* main character Walter, believes and unfortunately, this glamorous future won't happen if we don't do something about human impact on our world. I believe that this is the story's Big Idea. Let me explain why....

Good opening with lead into thinking

Just A Dream is about a young boy named Walter who starts the book off not caring about the environment and the impact that his actions had on the world. He believed that the future was filled with tiny planes and robots and wishes he could live there, but one night his wish comes true; he gets to visit the....

In the end, we as humans must come together. With global warming and pollution, we need to find a way to keep our world clean. Like what I believe *Just A Dream's* Big Idea is, something must be done about human impact on our world. If we all do our part, anything is possible. :)

Have you ever changed so drastically that people start to treat and think of you differently? Well, this is what happens in the book "not my girl" except that it's a different reason of why you would "normally" change. It was more of a situation where you HAVE to change, not by choice.

(Add context: short summary here)

My personal thoughts on what the author's message was that it was about how people will and do change overtime and their outside look will change but on the inside, we're still the same.

You were finishing up your homework at school. Suddenly you remember that you promised to play Fortnite with your friends. You start sprinting home. Then you also remembered your promise to shoot hoops with your friends. As you run many things fly past in a blur of colours and shapes. A new ice cream shop that had just opened giving free cups of ice cream to try. man playing a beautiful song with his violin. Usually you would've stopped, but you're too busy. You don't feel in control of your life. It feels as if life is in control of you.

????? What story? Add context here

I think the big idea of the story is instead of rushing along in life, taking time to notice and appreciate the small things that are part of your life. For example, in the book, Dylan's mom is too preoccupied to stop

Good example of nice transitions between ideas

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1) After reading the book *Going Places* by Peter H. Reynolds I think the moral/big idea is to be more creative and think more creatively. I think the author's message about the world is that if everyone thinks the same then no one will win or enjoy themselves. It's an important idea because the people who aren't creative cannot complete their goals.

2) At the start of the book the main character Rafael thought he had to finish building his first and identical to the blue prints. But after seeing Maya's strange machine that definitely wasn't a go cart he started thinking more creatively. His reaction after the race was ecstatic because he had won with a lot of help from Maya.

3) Once I was done reading the book *going places* I was confused with their creative but impossible creations. When I finished reading I had been confused how 2 little kids successfully built a functioning airplane, didn't crash and get fatal injuries, then build a giant wooden frog that can walk on water. Before reading this based on the title and picture I thought it would be about 2 kids who dreamt of being pilots, after the first few pages I thought it was supposed to be about go carts but has a plane just for decoration or to represent creativity. After reading the book it made no sense, how could 2 kids build these? There never was an answer to that because it just got weirder with their frog that can jump on water.

4) I had multiple questions about the book like how high is their school's budget if it even has a budget? Because they can afford to get every student their own go cart kit and didn't even have to make everyone have partners. The reason I wonder this is because this school couldn't even afford to keep the strings program yet the school in *going places* can afford a lot more.

I sometimes don't pay attention to things. I go in hurries and I fail, but after reading The Man Woth the Violin, I've decided to make a change. The message of this book is to pay attention to every detail because if you don't, there are chances that you might miss something that is important or wonderful. After reading this story, I started to walk home slower than usual so I can admire the beautiful spring and I try to do things slower so I don't mess up.

Who is Dylan? Add context/short summary here

When Dylan arrived at the subway station, he probably felt amazed when he first heard the music, but he felt sad when he down and down the escalator. Dylan had the music stuck in his head for the rest of the day because it was so good. In the end, he and his mom