ELED 3113  
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Author: Jeff Kinney

Genre: Graphic novel

Guided reading level: T

Awards: none

Multicultural: no

Protagonist(s): Greg Heffley- he is a round and dynamic character. He learns so much about himself and growing up during his first year of middle school. He’s pretty scrawny and a nerd, but he has a pretty neat buddy named Rowley.

Antagonist(s): Roderick- this is Greg’s older, mean brother. He’s a flat and static character because he remains mean throughout the entire book.

Setting(s): Greg’s house, Rowley’s house, Westmore Middle School.

Theme(s): Growing up, friendship, and identity

Point of view: First person, the story is told from Greg’s point of view only.

Conflict-

* Exposition- During the first day of school, Greg is immediately rejected and is forced to sit with another outcast named Fregley, from whom Greg tries to keep "a safe distance". He is initially unsure whether his best friend Rowley Jefferson will be able to fit in, as he considers Rowley to be immature. However, Greg strongly believes that he can become popular. He and Rowley decide to take part in wrestling at school, although Greg quits after losing a match against Fregley.
* Rising action- After getting few presents for Christmas, Greg decides to play a game with Rowley in which Rowley must ride a bike while Greg tries to knock him off. On one of Greg's tries, the ball gets under the front wheel, which causes Rowley to fall off and break his arm.
* Climax- When Rowley goes to school with a plaster cast, the girls take care of him (carrying his books, feeding him food) which makes Greg jealous. After Rowley's arm heals, he and Greg decide to enroll in the safety patrol program in which they walk younger kids to their homes.
* Falling action- One day, as Greg is walking the kids by himself he chases the young children after scaring them with a stick with worms on it. A neighbour contacts the school and tells them about Greg's unusual behavior. The principal suspects Rowley, as Greg was wearing Rowley's jacket. Rowley is suspended from the safety patrol. Greg later decides to confess the truth, but Rowley has already informed on him, resulting in their friendship breaking off.
* Resolution-. Greg and Rowley mend their friendship.

Personal response

The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series probably contributed to the reason I like to read. I followed Greg’s story all the way to the very end. I could read one whole book in a day, and still feel like I needed to read more. I love the style that Jeff Kinney uses to write his stories, and I love his illustrations. They made movies from the books, but the books are always better.

Activity

The students will have a long activity following this book. They will start their own diary’s with composition books provided by myself. They will write in these diary’s every single day, at least once a day. They can include things that happen at school, things that happen at home, and things that happen in their social lives, just like Greg does in the story. They will also include illustrations that they draw themselves. The students will keep up and write in these journals for 1 whole month. After the month is over, the students will turn in their diary’s to me. I will not publish them.

Source: Teacher made