Lesson 3: Goodbye, Goats

UNIT: Goat Escape

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Anne.

Lots of people saw Cairo's breaking news report about the goats taking over the neighborhood, so his website has been getting a lot of eyewitness reports. Some of them are written messages, and some of them are video messages. Check out this one from Cairo's neighbor, Violet.

Today, something wild happened after school. It was a normal day, and I was sitting on the swings when I saw something strange near the fence. At first, I thought it was a big dog. But then, when I looked closer, I saw that it was a goat. I was so excited because I love goats!

Then the goat started to do something surprising.

Wait—was that it? Violet's eyewitness report was interesting, but it didn't feel like she was finished. I'm a little confused.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: How could Violet have ended her eyewitness report to make it feel more complete?

HOOK 2

I'm not sure how you answered, but I think Violet could have ended her report with what the goat did that was so surprising. Like, maybe there was a goat jumping on top of a car, or a goat was licking a gumball machine—ugh, I don't think I want a gumball anymore.

If she says something like, "The goat jumped on top of the car," then everyone will know what happened in the end instead of just "something surprising."

Another thing Violet could add is one more sentence to let us know how she felt about this entire experience of goats taking over her neighborhood. A story feels complete when there's something that ties it all together. Otherwise, it's just a bunch of details about what happened, and there is nothing to hold it together.

By adding a final feeling about the whole experience, Violet's ending might sound something like this: "After everything that happened today, I felt happy because we got to see goats up close."

Now, her eyewitness report sounds complete.

You've been working on your own eyewitness report about the day the goats took over the neighborhood.

Today, you'll watch the last part of Cairo's report, write what happened at the end, and tie your story together with an ending sentence.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Get your Eyewitness Report and read what you wrote for the beginning and middle. When you're done reading, stack your pages on top of each other and put them to the side for now.

STEP 4

Get your Goodbye, Goats worksheet.

Write your name here.

STEP 5

First, you're going to watch the end of Cairo's report and write about that. Later, you'll watch the whole report again to write the last sentence of your story. As you watch the end, notice what the goats are doing during this last part of Cairo's report.

> *This is so wild. But wait, it looks like they're leaving.*
>
> *I wonder where they're going next. I guess this ends our breaking news report. Thanks for watching.*

Find the first box. Finish the sentence by describing what the goats were doing at the end of Cairo's report. If you're not sure what to write, you can use your Word Bank to help.

STEP 6

Your eyewitness report is almost done. Now, we need to tie the whole report together with a sentence. Let's watch Cairo's report from the beginning to the end one last time. As you watch, think about how this entire experience made you feel.

> *Hi, everyone. It's me, Cairo. I'm here in my neighborhood. It's a pretty normal day, but I'm so excited to bring you the news. But wait—what's that noise?*
>
> *Oh, man—look over there. It looks like goats have taken over the neighborhood. This is breaking news, and this story is happening right now.*
>
> *Wow! Look what's happening over here.*
>
> *Woah! Check this out—do you see this?*
>
> *They're doing so many things. Look over there. They're out of control. No, don't eat that!*
>
> *This is so wild. But wait, it looks like they're leaving.*
>
> *I wonder where they're going next. I guess this ends our breaking news report. Thanks for watching.*

Think about how this entire experience made you feel, and why. Maybe you felt excited because you got to see goats being funny, or maybe you felt proud because this experience made you not afraid of goats, or maybe you even felt curious because you wondered where they were going next.

Discuss with your partner: How did this entire experience make you feel, and why? Try saying your idea like this: *When I think about this day, I feel... because.*

STEP 7

Find the second box. Fill in how you felt about this entire experience and why. If you need help, you can use your Word Bank.

STEP 8

Great job putting the end together!

Now, get your Eyewitness Report worksheet. Copy over your sentences. You can start writing where you left off. If you run out of room, you can continue writing on the next page.

STEP 9

It's time to check your writing. Make sure each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with punctuation. Read through your writing and make changes if you need to.

STEP 10

Look at the box that says, "Scene of the incident." You can color in the goat, add yourself, and add whatever else you'd like to the scene.

Your teacher will let you know how much time you have to color.

STEP 11

It's time to share your whole eyewitness report with your partner. Take turns being the reporter and telling your story to your partner. You can even use your pencil and pretend it's a microphone.

Decide who will read first and then switch roles.

WRAP UP

Wow! You did it! You finished writing your entire eyewitness report on Cairo's breaking news story. You remember details about what happened, thought about how it made you feel, and put it all together in a story about your experience.

Writing about news or events that have happened in your life is important. Whether it's about goats taking over your neighborhood or about a time you tried a new ice cream flavor, your experiences are your stories. And by writing them down, you help others see the world through your eyes. So keep writing and sharing your stories. See you next time, writers.