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Classroom Cereal

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Story 18

Part 2 of 5

“Washington’s Lost Treasure”

Part 2 of 5: The Old Diary

Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

When the trio entered Principal Mellon’s office after school the next day they found him playing video games.

“Oh, I thought everyone had gone,” Mellon said. “As you can see, I sometimes like to get my *Duck Hunt* on after hours. What can I do for you three?”

“Mr. Mellon,” Cooper began as he, Rodgers, and Malina eased themselves into the cushiony office chairs, “you’ve lived in Fairview your whole life, rite?”

“Sure have,” Mellon replied, snapping the plastic orange gun at the TV screen.

“Do you know much about the history of Fairview?” asked Malina.

“Not really,” said the principal, his eyes fixed on the pixelated duck’s. The trio hung their heads.

“But my grandma did,” Mellon said. “She was really in to Fairview history. Before she died, she gave me a box of old stuff. She always talked about this diary, the diary of the guy who supposedly founded Fairview. I never really read it, but I think I put it on my bookshelf.”

The three eighth graders popped out of they’re chairs. Cooper was the first to reach the bookshelf, and he immediately spotted an old, floppy book that stood out from the rest. He carefully slid it from the shelf. The book was thin and its leather covers, like the skin of an ancient animal, felt soft in Cooper’s hands. With Rodgers and Malina peering over his shoulder, he delicately peeled open the diary. It opened to a page dated Friday, August 30, 1776.

Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

Checklist

1.
2.
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5.

Questions

What adjectives would you use to describe Principal Mellon? Why?