

Story Guidelines and Annotations

A story

- creates believable characters faced with conflict
- establishes the point of view early in the story
- captures and holds the reader's attention with well-ordered events
- develops characters, setting, and plot with specific details
- uses images and other creative language to increase interest and suspense

Annotations

- The writer creates believable characters faced with conflict. Both Billy and the narrator are in a tense situation and their friendship is suffering as a result.
- The point of view is established as first person limited early in the story. The narrator only describes what he sees and feels.
- The narrator uses well ordered events to lead the reader through the story. The story progresses with every pitch.
- Specific details are used to develop characters, setting, and plot. The characters of Billy and the narrator are developed through actions and dialogue. The narrator briefly describes the setting: a ball field with another game being played on a neighboring field. The events in the story move the plot forward.
- Images of other players and comments by the narrator increase the suspense.