

Writing a Short-Story Interpretation

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A True Hero

INTRODUCTION

Attention-getting opener

It must be hard to only have one thing to offer to three sons. "A True Hero" is a Mexican folktale about four characters: a father who will die and three sons who are working hard to receive the only property their father has to give them. The story teaches you a lesson of how you could be a true hero.

Main idea statement

BODY

Setting details

The story takes place on a cliff near the home where the father and sons live. The cliff is where Sancho, one of the sons' worst enemies, was sleeping. He was way too tired to keep on walking so he had to take a nap, but could fall deep down into the cliff if he moved while he slept. The setting relates to the theme because the cliff is where one son becomes a hero.

Character details

The father was closer to death than to living, and he knew it. He had thought about what he could do so that at least one of his three sons could receive the diamond. The diamond

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had been in their family for generations. Finally, he thought of making a deal. The deal was that whoever did the most good within one week was going to receive the diamond. The father thought that it would be a good way of deciding who will keep the diamond.

Plot details

The sons started thinking about what good they could do to receive the diamond. The first one that thought of something was the first son. He divided his property and gave half to the poor people in the city. The second son said that when he was on his way home he saw a girl caught in the Rio Grande River. He could hardly swim, but he risked his life to save a child's life. The third son described what happened to him. One morning, he saw a man wrapped in a blanket at the edge of a cliff. He thought that if the man moved in his sleep he would fall thousands of meters. When he got closer to take a better look, he saw Sancho, his worst enemy. He still saved his life like a true hero should. The worst enemies became friends because the third son had saved his life. Sancho thanked the third son for saving his life.

Insight about character

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CONCLUSION

Restatement of
theme

After all these good deeds the best one came from the third son. He was the one who received the diamond. Not many people would have saved their worst enemy. That's what made him a true hero.