

* ALERT - you do not need quotes in the summary. This student included one but it is not necessary

SAMPLE TEXTUAL ANALYSIS

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Title and author → In the book the Batboy Mike Lupica describes how a boy attempts to become closer to
overview sentence → the game of baseball and his idol. Brian is a fourteen year old boy who was accepted to be a
batboy for the Detroit Tigers. He hoped that he would meet and get to know his favorite player,
Hank Bishop. However, Hank is not the way he looks or sounds during interviews. He hardly
ever talks to Brian and when he does it is to say some like, "This is the wrong bat, you idiot"
yea! → proper citation
(96). So Brian has to figure out a way to deal with him and not get into trouble. I predict that
Brian will find a way to overcome his fear of Hank and get to know him better. ↳ Good

what he wanted

Here is the problem

This is what he does to deal with the problem

text info.

thinking

Wow - an inference

More thinking

Wrap up

Throughout the course of the book Hank Bishop, Brian's baseball idol, has done nothing
but insult Brian and ignore him completely. This is why I was surprised when he decided to help
Brian. Brian had been having trouble with his swing, he can't remember the last time he had a
hit for his team, *The Sting*. He is going through a "major slump" so Brian asked the Tiger's
manager if he could stay after a night game and hit off old Iron Mike, an old pitching machine.
That night while Brian was hitting in the cage he heard Hank Bishop walking into the clubhouse.
All he said was, "you call that a swing?" and then he entered the cage and showed Brian the
proper stance and swing while giving a few tips along the way. This surprised me because one
of Hank's favorite things to say to Brian is, "I don't care." By helping Brian with his swing it
shows that he must care. Either that or he just can't stand to see someone using that awful
swing. I also think that Brian must also be thinking about his dad who left him to go coach a
team in Japan. When Hank is giving him batting tips he would have seemed somewhat like a
father figure. So I was surprised that Brian didn't have much of a reaction to this incident. I was
also surprised that Hank finally showed some sign of liking Brian. I am curious to read on to see
what happens.