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Sample Exemplar for RAS Standards

Achievement Standard

English Level 1

This is a sample exemplar for:

Achievement Standard 91925

Produce a verbal and visual personal response to text

This sample annotated exemplar is a full sample of student evidence, with a commentary, to illustrate the type of exemplars that will be produced in the future.

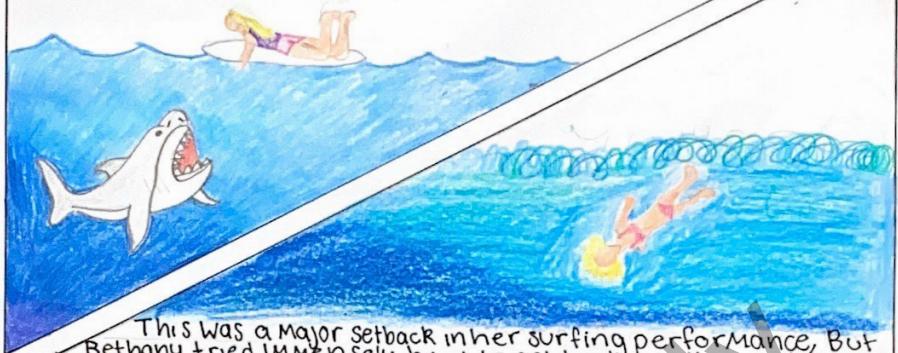
**AS THIS ACHIEVEMENT STANDARD HAS BEEN REVISED SINCE PILOTING IN 2021,
THIS SAMPLE EXEMPLAR SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR PLANNING OR
ASSESSMENT PURPOSES.**

SOUL SURFER

Directed by
Sean McNamara

The true story of Bethany Hamilton

In a tragic shark attack, Bethany lost her arm

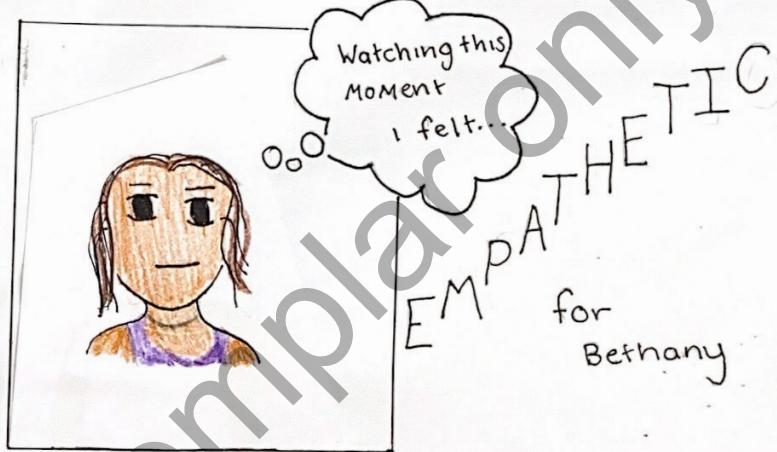


This was a major setback in her surfing performance. But Bethany tried immensely hard to get back in the game

At regionals when her board snapped, Bethany had enough of being hit down...

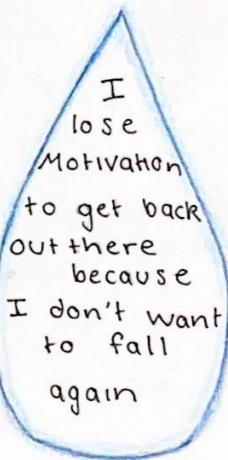


... So she quit

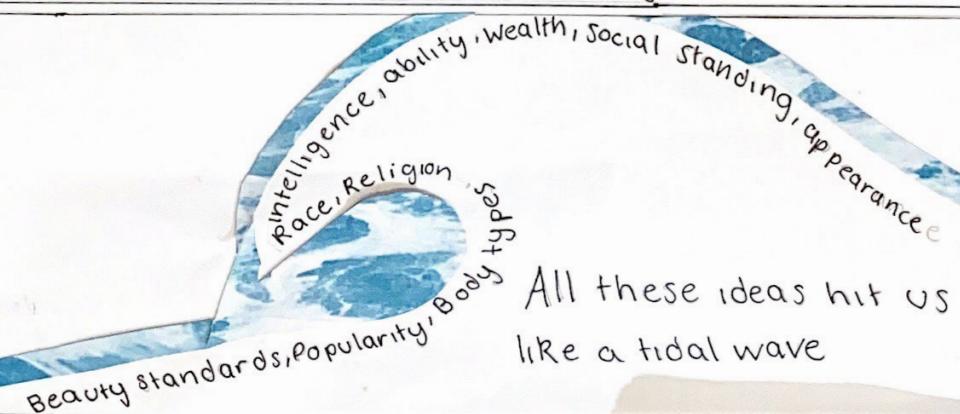


Throughout these scenes we see Bethany get knocked down and eventually lose her passion for surfing. Once she lost her drive, Bethany was unable to get up after being knocked down

These scenes could be perceived as the telling of a sad story. In this moment I saw the loss of passion for the things you love. I could relate because in my sports if I perform poorly or my results

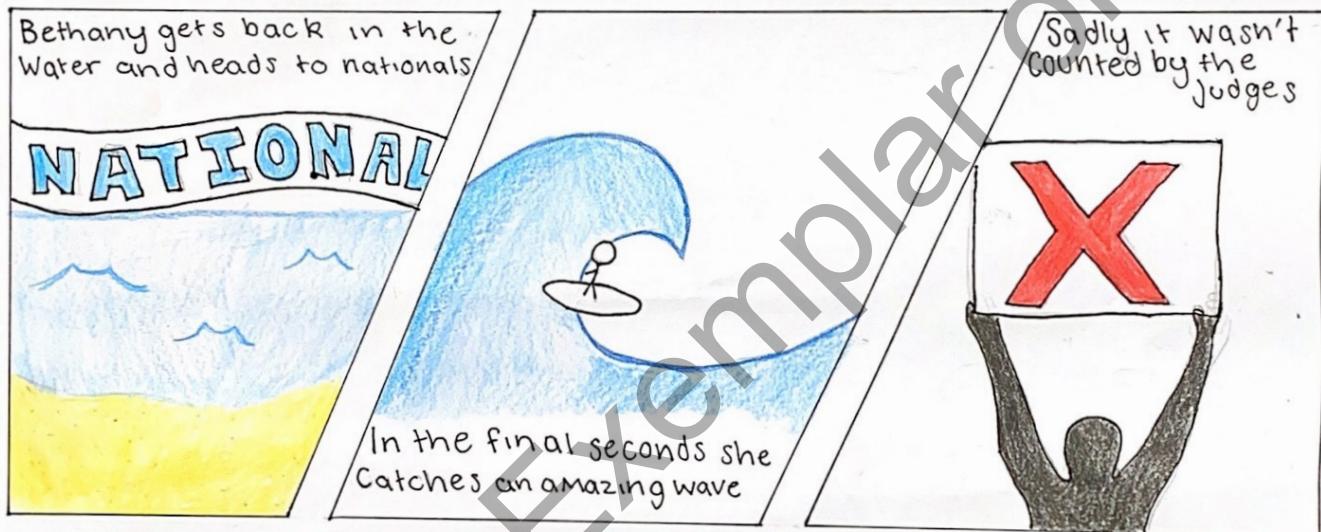


This happens in our society every day





But in the end Bethany teaches us a lesson

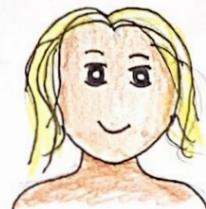


Although the wave didn't count, Bethany walked away with a smile. Because in the end it wasn't about winning, it was about doing what she loves.

This teaches us that when life gets us down, we get right back up. Because life is not about pleasing others or being society's version of "PERFECT".

It's about being yourself, embracing your quirks and doing the things you love

That's the best kind of perfect



"I've learned life is a lot like surfing,

When you get caught in the **impact zone**, you need to get right back up. Because you never know what's over the next **wave**... And if you have **passion**, anything is possible

anything at all!" - Soul Surfer

Commentary: Excellence

For Excellence, the student needs to develop a personal response to an independently studied text, presented as a visual/verbal text that commands attention.

This involves responding to selected aspects of the text, showing how those aspects work together to create engagement with the text, and making connections beyond the text itself. This personal understanding should be presented in a confident and compelling way, using visual and verbal features that are appropriate to the selected text type.

This student has developed their personal response to the film *Soul Surfer* by Sean McNamara and presented it as an original graphic text sequence. They have responded to character, plot and ideas in the text, demonstrating personal understanding of how a character's reaction to an event creates engagement ("At regionals when her board snapped, Bethany has enough of being hit down"), ("I felt empathetic"). The personal response is developed in the text boxes, and supported by symbolism and layout that illustrates both examples and response.

The personal response is connected to ideas in society, and the repeated symbol of the wave both links the ideas in *Soul Surfer* and provides visual engagement. On the second page of the graphic text sequence, the explanation of ideas about conformity and societal expectations are linked to the plot ("This teaches us that..."), ("But in the end Bethany teaches us a lesson").

The student has deliberately selected and organised the graphic text sequence, with colour choices, symbolism, image rendering and layout all used in a purposeful and confident way.