

What did you think of "Haiku Wars"?

Directions: Read the fiction story "The Haiku Wars" in the October 2009 issue of *Storyworks*.

Then, on a separate piece of paper, copy these paragraphs over, filling in the blanks with details from the story and your own ideas. When you are finished, you will have a well-crafted review of Ron Koertge's story.

I just read "The Haiku Wars" by Ron Koertge. The story is about two sets of friends named

_____ who have a disagreement. One pair of boys want to _____ during
Name the four characters. **Describe their lunchtime plans.**

lunch. The other boys want to _____. The pairs of boys feel this way about each other:
Explain what they do at lunch.

_____.
Choose an adjective to describe their feelings.

But luckily, their teacher, Ms. Willoughby, has an idea to resolve the conflict: _____.
Explain her idea.

She explains the rules of the plan. Each team will _____. The winners will be chosen by
Provide a detail of the plan.

_____. The winning team gets _____.
Provide another detail. **Explain what they win.**

Miguel and Liang are _____ before the contest. But when they read their second poem,
Describe how the boys feel.

the class _____. Their classmates also applaud the poem about _____. In the
Explain how the class reacts. **Describe another winning poem.**

end, all four boys learn an important lesson: _____.
Explain what they learn about each other.

Overall, I thought this story was _____ because _____. The situation
Give your opinion. **Back up your opinion.**

reminded me of something that happened to me: _____. If I had to choose whether
Connect the boys' conflict to something in your life.

to recommend this story to my friends, I _____ because _____.
would/would not **Back up your opinion.**