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LEGENDS - LEVEL 1

- demonstrates limited understanding of the text type through a creation of their own original text

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How the skunk got a white stripe

Long, long ago there was a skunk without a stripe. The skunk was walking in the grass.

And one man was walking with a huge whitener. The man was pushing the whitener. Then the man ran over the skunk. The skunk went home while he was walking home. The animals thought he was sick. Then the skunk said, "Don't worry I'm not sick I have an new white strip." The animals were wondering what is a white stripe. Then the rabbit said, "Whats a stripe?" He asked. Then the skunk said, "I don't know, but its cool". That's why skunks have a white stripe today.

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 1

- has a basic understanding of a legend but it is really limited
- the process of how ____ overcomes the problem is missing

How the Jaguar Got it's Spots.

The jaguar has spots and they are orange.

When they are a baby they don't have any spots.

The baby got a little bigger and he didn't get his spots.

When he was a kid he told his mother that he is going to roll in mud.

He rolled in mud and dirt so he couldn't wash his spots off.

The end!

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 1

- immature language
- simple sentences
- spelling errors; grammar
- poorly supported
- ending unclear
- few details

How A ^{Got} Puppy ^{with} Curly tail!
Long ago there was a puppy
named Sally. She fell in a big
hole. A big rock fell on it's
tail. She was crying boo hoo. A
hoos came a long and helped
her. Then that day is how the



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LEGENDS - LEVEL 2

- introduction established
- supporting details
- ending effective
- simple vocabulary
- spelling errors sometimes interfere
- little variety in sentence length
- lacks variety in word choice

How The Dog Got its Bark.

A long time ago dogs didn't have a bark. There was a big mean black dog named Jack and a small black cat named Jane. Jack want to scare the small cat. He tried everything to scare the cat but he just couldn't scare the cat. One day the dog was so mad something brock in him. He ran to the cat. The cat said you can't scare me you can even scare a fly ha ha ha. Then Jack let a loud noise out rrrr roof! The cat ran away as fast as light speed and that is how the got its bark.

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 2

- conversation used
- inconsistent use of conventions

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The lizzard and the
Snake skin

There was a green lizzard. He went for a walk in the forest. Some shed snake skin. He went back home. He saw mouse. Mouse said, "you're not a snake you're a lizzard". The lizzard took home the snake skin and put it on. He went on a walk. Every body ran away because they thought it was a snake. A hawk came across a tree and went down and grabbed the lizzard. The lizzard spoke

the lizzard and slipped free and fell into the ponds. He said it was probably my voice

Clothes to make
make the lizzard
talk gives
it away

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 2

- basic understanding of elements of legend
- not a strong example of legend. Graphic organizer could be provided to make sure all elements are included.

How the Skunk Got its Smell!

The skunk was black and white, he smelled good!

The skunk went to the garbage by the farm. He jumped right into the garbage. Then the skunk had a really stinky smell. The skunk used his smell to protect himself.

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 2

- communicates and demonstrates original text
- creates a basic text that demonstrates partial understanding of legend
- some control over conventions
- not enough details and elements of legend

How the Fish got It's Scales

Once upon a time there was a fish named Samuel. He saw a snail and he said "do as I say or I'll eat you!" The snail replied "O.K.!"

A couple of days later Samuel said "wash my clothes?" to the snail. The snail said "NO! You Have Been Pushing Me Too Hard!"

"If you don't want to get eaten, do as I say!" said Samuel. The snail said "NO! I'm not doing it, I need a break!"

So Samuel ate the snail. All of a sudden he started to feel weird.

The narrator said "do you know why you feel weird?"

"No," said Samuel.

The narrator said "the reason why you feel weird, is because you are getting scales from the snail's shell. Do you know why you feel weird now?"

Samuel replied "Yes, I know now!"

"You should maybe stop writing the story now" Samuel said.
"Okay, Okay!" the narrator replied.

THE END

"Not all in capital letters" Samuel said, "fine!" The end!

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- original text shows understanding of legend
- appropriate use of language and conventions
- rudimentary organization of ideas

How the Dog got its Bark

One day a magical god named Bowser came to a dog named Chinook and he taught him how to talk. One time Chinook was being really mean to some cats. The god came back and told Chinook, "If you do that two more times I will take away your voice forever." So Chinook ignored what the god said and he was mean to porcupine. The god came back and said, "I will take your voice forever if you do that one more time." So Chinook did what the god said for as long as he could. But then he did what he did best. He was mean to some birds. Then Bowser came and took away his voice forever and only left him with a bark. That's how the dog got it's bark. From then on all the dogs that where born barked instead of talk like you and me.

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- demonstrates understanding by creating a legend

How The Raven Turned black

Once long ago there was a raven named Army and he was white. And every day he would go to the forest and brag about his colour .until one day

all the animals said we should teach him a lesson.

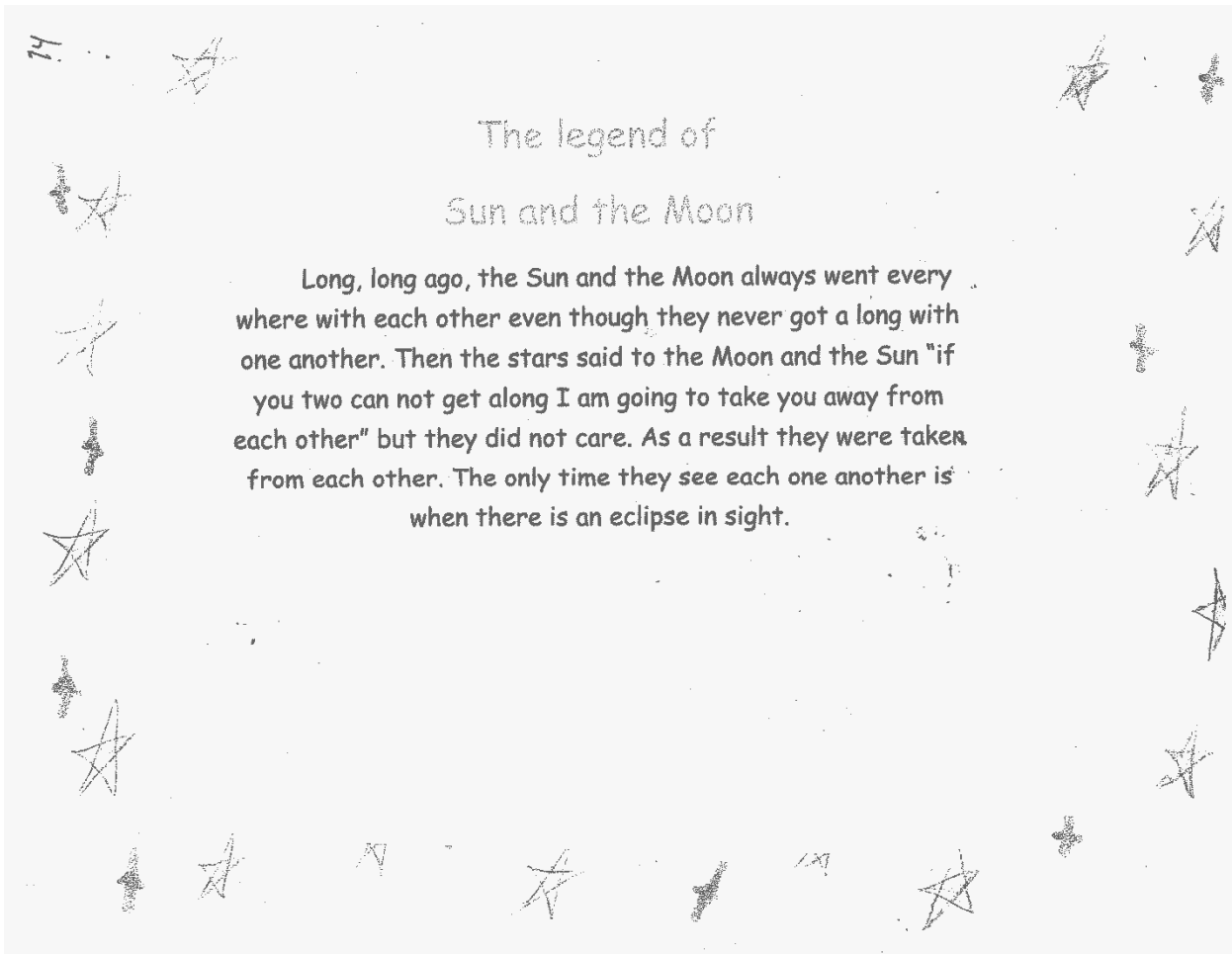
So then they all pushed him into a black pile of mud. And then the raven said," NOOOOOO!!"

And that's why ravens are black today

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LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- created original text



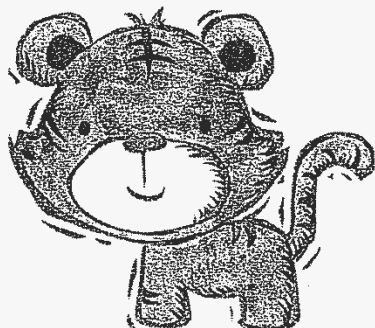
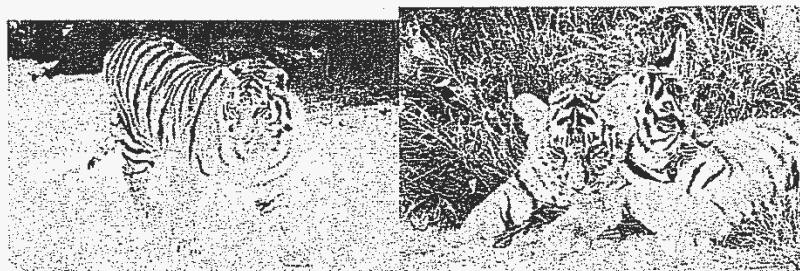
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LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- specific message
- original text shows understanding of legend writing
- appropriate use of language and conventions

How the Tiger Got its Stripes

Once upon a time there were black tigers, just black. One day the leader named Kelli went for a walk and got really tired so she went to a shady rock and fell asleep. When she woke up she was orange with black stripes! "What happened?" she yelled. She ran back to the pack. They asked what happened and Kelli told the whole story from falling asleep to waking up. That next day they all went to the rock and all fell asleep. Two days later they woke up and they all were covered in black stripes. They all were beautiful. Then they all went for a run then they got hungry and got a zebra and lived happily ever after.



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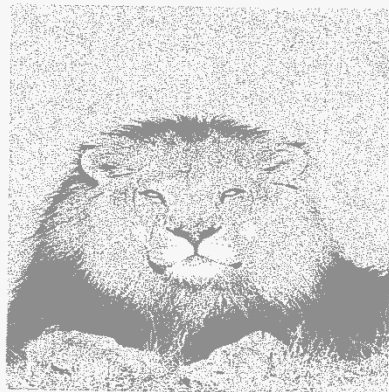
LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- understanding of legend writing
- organized ideas
- clear and complete information and ideas
- some control over a basic use of language and conventions

How Deimos The lion got His Mane

One day in the county of Africa, a lion was born. It was a great day for the mother! She named the little cub Deimos. As Deimos grew up he was a great hunter, but Deimos was worried because as he grew up his mane never grew. His mother told him not to worry. Deimos waited and waited for his mane to grow. One day he went to a little pond and asked the great lion spirit to grow his mane. The spirit said, bring me an antelope and I will Grant your wish. So Deimos went hunting for an antelope. Hours later Deimos returned with an antelope. The lion spirit was very happy. He said "Good job now I shall grant your wish". After a while Deimos felt hair on the back of his head and neck. Soon Deimos had his mane and went home to show his mane to his mother. When he got back his mother was under attack by a huge lion. Deimos pounced at the lion and had a horrible fight at the end Deimos won! Deimos lived happily ever after.

The end!



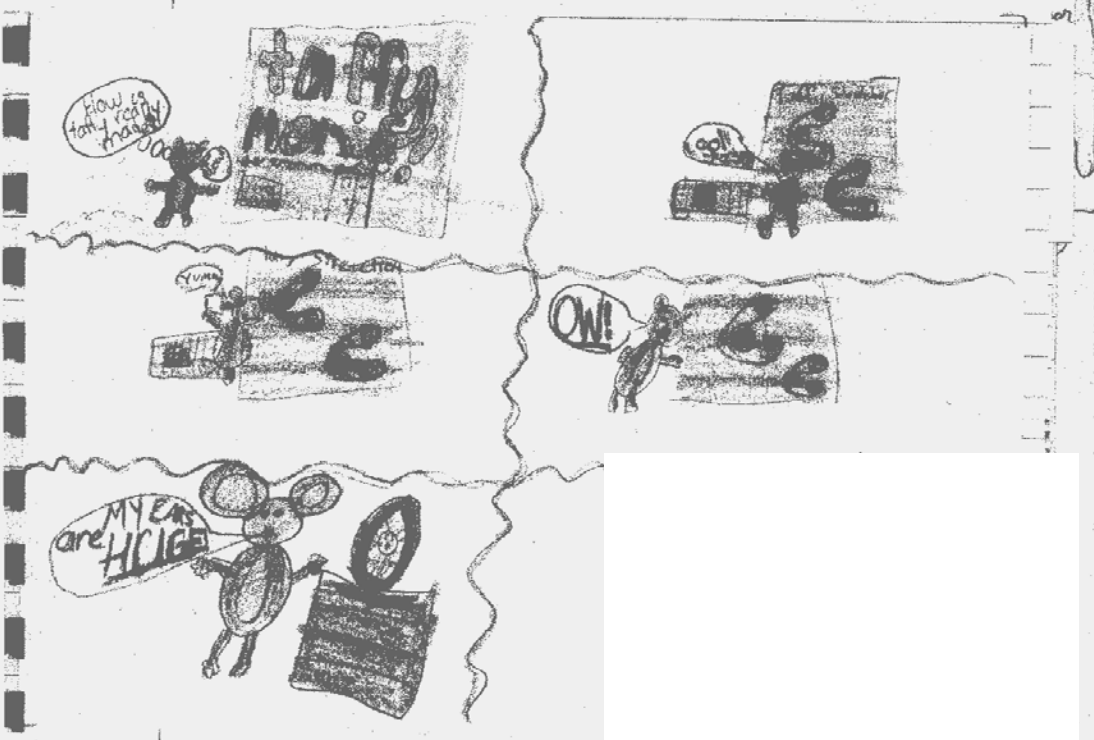
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LEGENDS - LEVEL 3

- coherent organization
- introduction and ending
- sentence structure correct
- conventional vocabulary
- correct verb tense
- cursive writing legible

How Mice Got Big Ears.

long ago a mouse was passing by a taffy store. He wanted to know how taffy was really made. He went in and saw a gigantic taffy stretcher. As he gazed down at the bottom of the taffy stretcher his ears got caught in the taffy machine. Finally he noticed so he pulled as hard as he could. The machine finally let go. When he got home he looked in the mirror and saw his ears were HUGE! That's why to this day mice have big ears.



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LEGENDS - LEVEL 4

- includes the elements of legend
- it flows thoroughly in an organized manner
- ideas are richly developed
- conventions, paragraphs are not evident

How The Snake Got Its Hiss

One day a snake named Marvin was very famished, so he set off into the desert to find some prey. It was a long trip to the desert but when he finally got there he was even more hungry. Marvin saw a newborn baby mouse, "Awww, that little mouse is so cute, but it looks so tasty," Marvin whispered to himself. Marvin snuck up on that poor little mouse and he quickly grabbed it in his mouth.

"Mmmm," Marvin said. All of a sudden Marvin heard a very loud and angry squeak. Then he saw the mom and dad of the baby mouse. They had a huge fight, but finally Marvin got the two mice in his mouth at the same time and ate them up quickly. Meanwhile some other animals were watching this happen from behind the trees. The other animals ran away to a magical kingdom of the Wizard of Oz. The animals ran inside and told the Wizard of Oz that Marvin was eating animals.

The Wizard of Oz was furious with Marvin. So he flew over to Marvin right as he was about to eat a rabbit. Marvin and the rabbit saw the Wizard of Oz, the rabbit ran away and Marvin was scared because he knew what the Wizard of Oz could do to him. The Wizard of Oz said, "Marvin I heard that you have very mean to the others. So now you forever will have a hiss to warn other animals before you eat them." "I don't believe you," Marvin replied. No one could understand him because he had hiss. Then Marvin finally realized that he only had a hiss. From that day on no more animals were as afraid of snakes again especially Marvin.