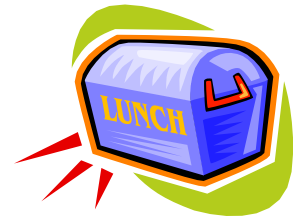


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"Dear Mr. Henshaw" Story Guide



What is the genre?



Problem	Solution
Someone is stealing Leigh's lunch.	
Leigh couldn't think of anything to write about.	

How is Leigh's lunchbox different than lunch boxes most kids carry today? _____

Why does Leigh let the boys think the lunchbox is his dad's? _____

How can you tell that Leigh enjoys writing in his diary? _____

What shows that Leigh is having trouble with an idea for a story? _____

What does Leigh buy to make his alarm? _____

What problem did Leigh encounter when he tried to build his lunchbox alarm? _____

How did he solve the problem? _____

Why does Leigh think that he can make an alarm? _____

How does the man in the hardware store figure out what Leigh is making? _____

What does Leigh do when he has a problem with his alarm lunchbox? _____

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Do you think the way the principal and teachers react to Leigh's alarm is realistic? _____ Why or why not? _____

Why can't Leigh wait for Monday to arrive? _____

When does Leigh begin to feel like a hero? _____

"I dashed off a description of the time I rode with my father." What does "dashed off" mean?

Why is Leigh mad and disgusted? _____

Why didn't Leigh turn in anything yet (p.547) for the Young Writer's contest? _____

In the Young Writer's contest, what does Leigh win? _____

How does Leigh get to have lunch with Angela Badger? _____

What does Mrs. Badger say about Leigh's story? _____

Why does Leigh want to meet Mrs. Badger? _____

Why did Leigh have a difficult time talking to Mrs. Badger? _____

Why is Leigh quiet on the way home? _____

On pp.548-549, tell one way Leigh and Barry's family's are alike and one way they are different.

What is the author's viewpoint on Leigh's parents divorce? What story clues help you know this?