

Kristof told his teacher that it was his birthday when it wasn't really his birthday.

Kristof let his best friend give him dry erase markers. He was a bad friend.

Summarizing Fiction

Do Not Include Your Opinion

When you write a summary, you must only include information from the reading passage or book you are summarizing. You cannot include any additional information or add your opinion, even if you think it's true!

Read the two summaries below.

SUMMARY 1

Kristof's grandmother thought it was Kristof's birthday and gave him \$20.00. Kristof selfishly wanted to keep the money, but his mom made him give it back since it wasn't his birthday. This gave Kristof a terrible idea. He lied and told his teacher it was his birthday. All day long, Kristof took advantage of his teachers and friends and was treated special. Kristof is a mean and self-centered person.

SUMMARY 2

Kristof's grandmother thought it was Kristof's birthday and gave him \$20.00. Kristof's mom made him give the money back since it wasn't his birthday, but it gave Kristof an idea. He told his teacher that it was his birthday. All day, Kristof got treated special because his teachers and friends thought it was his birthday. Kristof had a great day.