

## Prompt

Over the years, Walt Disney Pictures has turned many wonderful stories into films—for example, *Mary Poppins*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*. People have enjoyed watching these stories unfold on the big screen because they all have **admirable characters** and **an entertaining plot**.

Do you think the book *Poppy* would make a good movie? Write to the Walt Disney Pictures studio sharing your opinion. First, give a quick summary of the book. Then, use evidence from the text to prove that Poppy is an admirable character and that her story would be entertaining to watch.

## Drafting Sheet

### Paragraph 1 – Introduction

Dear Walt Disney Productions,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_,  
and I am a third-grader at \_\_\_\_\_  
Elementary School in \_\_\_\_\_.  
My class just finished reading the book *Poppy*, by Avi. I think this book would make a  
\_\_\_\_\_ animated movie because it has an admirable main character and an  
entertaining plot. Let me tell you a little bit about the story.

### Paragraph 2 – Summary (Shared writing from Day 31)

The book *Poppy*, by Avi, tells about a deer mouse named Poppy who proves she is a hero when she risks her life to save her family. First, Poppy learns that her family must move because it has grown too large and they do not have enough food for everyone. They ask Mr. Ocax, a great horned owl who rules Dimwood Forest, for permission to move. Mr. Ocax refuses to give them permission. Poppy is certain that Mr. Ocax is hiding something. She bravely travels through Dimwood Forest to try to discover Mr. Ocax's secret. She shows courage when she crosses a creek, befriends a porcupine, and finally kills Mr. Ocax. As you can see, Poppy proves herself to be the hero of the story!

**Paragraph 3 – Opinion Paragraph (Use paragraph 2 of your turning point writing)**

I think the main character, Poppy, is an admirable character for many reasons. First, Poppy showed she was unselfish when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Next, she showed she was confident and courageous when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Last, Poppy showed that she was determined when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I think \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph 4 – Opinion Paragraph**

Poppy is a really entertaining book because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

One example \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Another example \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My favorite part was when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I think \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Paragraph 5 – Conclusion**

In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,