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Grade 7

Reading

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King Lam imposes the three rules on the bat because of the three bad things the bat has done. The first rule is that the bat can not fly in the day time or set foot on land. This rule was made because the bat had been hanging out with both the rats and the birds, but when asked to do their work, he denied being either. Now he couldn't be with the birds OR the rats. Rule number two was that the rat must live apart from other animals. This happened because the bat did not want to be with either group. Now, the bat couldn't be with anyone. The third rule is that the bat must sleep upside down. In the story the bat kept flipping his story upside down. When talking to the birds he said he was a rat because of the fur and teeth. When talking to the rats he said he must be a bird because of the wings. Since he kept changing his story and putting it upside down, he had to reflect that by always sleeping upside down too. These punishments were given to the bat by King Lam to make sure the bat knows that what he did was wrong.

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In Why Bats Fly at Night by Frederick Y. Lagbao, the bat loves living a double life. He can fly with the birds and run with the rats. One day, King Lam put three rules on bat, he cannot fly with the birds or run with the rats, he must live apart from any other creature, and he must sleep upside down forever. King Lam gave bat these three rules because bat is very lazy. He would go on vacation with the birds, but when he was asked to help with the bridge, he said that he wasn't a bird. He would eat the rats' food when they were having a feast, but when they told him to help with the bridge, he told them he wasn't a rat so he didn't need to help. That is why King Lam gave bat the three rules.

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King Lam imposes three rules on the bat because the bat refuses to help the king build his bridge. When the captain of the birds came along the bat claimed he was not a bird and he gave his reasoning to the captain. When the captain of the rats came along the bat claimed he was not a rat then gave his reasoning. Since the bat did not work on the bridge, the king punished him by making him fly at night, live apart from all other animals, and sleep upside down forever more.

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King Lam imposes the the three rules on the bat because Lam had asked all the animals to help and the only one who didn't was the bat because the bat believed he did not belong in the rat or the bird group.

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King Lam gives those rules to the bat so the bat can be a real bat. Sleep during daytime. Feed during nightime.

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The bat deserves the king's punishment because he was lying and tricking the rats and the birds to believing that he was one of them. When the birds flew south for vacation, he flew with them. When the rats planned a feast, he ate with them. So when the bridge was being built, the bat told the bird captain he was not a bird, and told the rat captain he was not a rat. The bat wouldn't help and tried to escape from helping build the bridge. That made the king angry and he sent <u>every</u> creature to listen to the three rules that the king wrote for the bat and <u>all bats</u> to follow. The bat was being selfish and lazy to not help the animals build the bridge. This is why the bat deserves the king's punishments for lying and using excuses.

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The bat does deserve the Kings punishment because he didn't obey the King. The bat didn't follow any of the Kings orders to help with the bridge. He also, tricked both the rat and bird captains. He tricked the rat captain by saying "How many rats do you know who can fly?". He tricked the bird captain by saying "But how many birds do you know who have teeth like mine? Or fur like mine. Tell me, how many birds do you know who can run along the ground as nimbly and boldly as I can?". Lastly, the bat was lazy. He was lazy because all he did was sit around, tan, eat and sleep on that tree. That is why the bat deserves the King's punishment.

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I think that the bat deserved King Lam's punishment because the bat was selfish. The bat didn't participate in his share to build the bridge to Lanka for the King. Instead he made excuses to the captain of the rats and birds why he shouldn't work. This action was very selfish and King Lam's decree served the bat right.

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I think that the bat deserves the kings punishments because he did not help to do the work and he lied to the animals.

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Bats only fly at night so he's a bird at night and a squard during the day.