Solid Predictions

A good story ending is one that satisfies the reader and feels invitable; it gives the reader a feeling that the story couldn’t have ended any other way. One kind of ending is called a prediction ending. That is when the author of the story makes a prediction about what will happen in the future, based on the events of the story. This kind of ending encourages the reader to think beyond the end of the story and into the future as well.

**EXAMPLE:** There would never again be another railroad station in Calacaloo County. From that day on, we would all drive, or take the bus, or stay home. We expected that the tracks that had been the source of so much trouble would slowly and gradually sunk into the ground with disuse and be covered over by weeds. We hoped that they would fade from our memory as well.

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT:** For each situation below, create a prediction ending.

1. A boy loses his eyesight in an accident and has to get a Seeing Eye dog.

2. A girl discovers a magic portal in her basement that leads to a mysterious land.

3. Six friends band together to solve the mystery when their teacher mysteriously disappears.