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Pop Culture Heroes

A. Read the text. What is the writing about?



The pianist walked onto stage and said hello to the judges. The judges were surprised because the piano player had no arms!

When Liu Wei was ten years old he played hide and seek with friends. During the game he touched a dangerous electrical wire. The accident was very serious and Liu Wei was unconscious for 45 days. When he woke up his parents took him home.

They treated him normally and asked him to learn to eat his own food. He learned to do chores and take care of himself. He learned to play soccer and swim. But he always wanted to be a musician. When he was a teenager he started his first piano lesson. The teacher quit saying it was impossible to play the piano without hands. After that Liu Wei began to practice secretly.

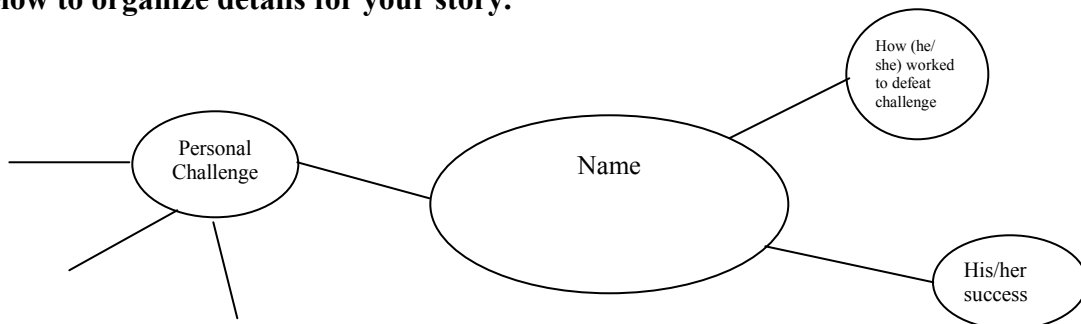
In 2010, he auditioned on the show “China’s Got Talent”. As he played the piano one judge cried because of his beautiful music. His secret practice was worth the trouble. Liu Wei proved that nothing is impossible if you want to succeed. The judges agreed. Liu Wei won the competition.

B. Read again. How does the first paragraph grab the readers interest?

C. Read again. What details are provided about Liu Wei in the second and third paragraph?

D. Read again. What information is provided in the final paragraph? How does it conclude the story?

Now it’s your turn. Think of a pop culture hero that you would like to write about. Use the chart below to organize details for your story.



Now write your essay on a separate sheet of paper. When you are finished share with a partner. Ask your partner to check your paper. Did you include all the information in your chart? Make revisions if suggested.