

All American Girl

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9/11/08 21-40 In your journal identify one thing about which you needed/wanted more information or wondered about, and explain how that information is provided in this next section. If no "questions" were raised, what did the author do to keep you reading?

In this segment Sam is forced to go to art class as a "punishment" for selling celebrity portraits in school, which she had drawn. She doesn't think she will like the art class because she thinks that she is an expert drawer. She initially likes the class but is stunned when the teacher, Susan Bonne, criticizes her work. Sam, however, thought that it was the best in the class. Sam confides her feelings to Jack, Lucy's boyfriend, whom she secretly has a crush on. He is supportive of her and tells her that she has to "fight the system" and should draw whatever she wants.

One thing I'm wondering is, if the boy she met at the art school, is the president's son. I am wondering this because the inside cover of the book lists "The Top Ten Reasons Why Samantha Madison is in Deep Trouble," and the number one reason is "The president's son just might be in love with her." So, I think that he is the president's son because in the art class, he was complimenting her shoes and Sam thought he was kind of cute. She thought she recognized him from somewhere but couldn't remember where. Then she thought that he was from a jock from her school, and since she doesn't like jocks, she stopped talking to him.

The author kept me reading by foreshadowing Sam's meeting the president's son. The list on the inside cover is an effective way of predicting the important events that will happen in the story. I can really relate to the way Sam talks the way she expresses herself. She is an interesting character because she is anti-establishment. For example, she would rather go to an art museum than go to an amusement park. She would also rather watch a foreign film than watch the latest teen movie.