

Book Report Presentation – Accumulating Information

1. **Title and Author:** Ten Thumb Sam by Rachel Dunstan Muller

2. Plot

- a. Beginning (2 summarized points)
 - i. Sam is trying to find and act in the circus (The directions changes when)
 - ii. The Goldfingers join the Mr. Pigatto’s Circus

- b. Middle (5 or more summarized points) (They should be big point that can drastically change the story)
 - i. Sam is framed for stealing Martin’s dishes (because of this incident Sam is blamed in the future)
 - ii. The generator breaks down and Uncle Albert’s act is sabotaged (First sabotage and Sam is suspected of doing it)
 - iii. Martin gets hurt because someone sabotaged his bike
 - iv. The safety net falls on the clowns so the inspector fines them
 - v. Sam and Harriet figure out the man in the grey suit is sabotaging the circus, but do not catch him so they are fined when the cotton candy is contaminated with alum crystals.

- c. Ending (2-3 summarized points)
 - i. Sam and Harriet come up with a plan to save the circus
 - ii. The circus catch Beaverwick trying to sabotage the circus
 - iii. Sam and Harriet move in with their auntie to go to school (the end)

3. **Main Characters** (Look back to your writing books to fill out this info)

- | | Sam | Harriet |
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| a. Internal Characteristic | | |
| i. Character traits: | Kind, loyal
awkward, loves family | smart, investigative
animal lover, |
| ii. Like: | Games, | Pets, |
| iii. Dislikes: | Circus, | |
| b. External Characteristics | | |
| i. Hair | | |
| ii. Height | | |
| iii. Clothing Style | | |
| iv. Glasses/Accessories | | |
| v. Teeth | | |
| vi. Gender | | |
| vii. Name | | |

4. **Amazing words** and what they mean!

Wailed-

Spectator-

Spewed-

Dismantled-

5. **Conflict**

- a. Man v.s. Man: Sam is having conflict with someone who is trying to shut down the circus!

6. **Theme:** Determination and honesty will help you be successful with your goals.

7. **Setting**

Sam and his family travel across Canada in a bus performing in all the major cities.

The triple top tent is the largest tent where all of the shows take place.

The Stringbini bus is made up of a cab, kitchen and many nooks with bunk beds in them.

8. **Cool Literary Devices**

“It’s crowded enough in there without Albert and his family on top of us. Especially Albert. Your uncle has an ego the size of a small country.” - Exaggeration