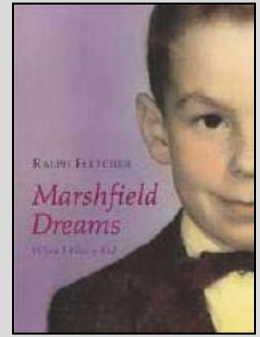


Here, three elementary students—inspired by the “Eating the World” chapter found in Ralph Fletcher’s [Marshfield Dreams](#), wrote about times they personally ate something unusual, or about a time they saw someone else eat something unusual.

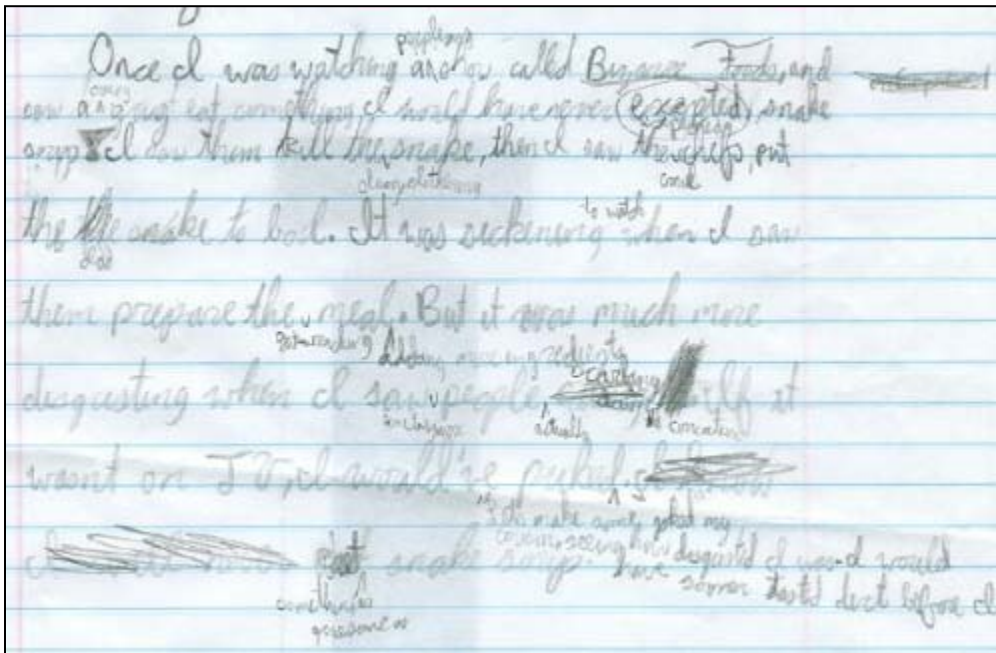


After they had created rough drafts, they studied Fletcher’s writing style in his chapter, focusing on the author’s voice and word choice skills. When they revised, they tried to find places in their writing where Fletcher’s skills might improve their own rough drafts.

After reading “Eating the World” carefully, compare each student’s rough draft with his/her revised draft. Where do you see Ralph Fletcher’s influence on these writers’ voice and word choice?

The revision lesson that inspired this writing can be found at the [WritingFix website](#).

Oswaldo’s Rough Draft:



Oswaldo’s revised draft →

Bizarre Foods



Once I was watching a perplexing show called Bizarre Foods, and saw a creepy guy eat something I would have never expected. Snake soup! I saw them kill the slimy, slithering snake, and then I saw the cruel chefs put the dead snake to boil.

It was sickening to watch when I saw them prepare the gut-wrenching meal, adding more ingredients. But it was much more disgusting when I saw some bizarre people actually scarfing down the concoction.

If it wasn’t on TV, I would’ve have puked. “Let’s make some!” joked my cousin, seeing how disgusted I was. I would sooner taste dirt before eating something as gruesome as snake soup.

Raeanne's Rough Draft:

Once I tried a beggin strip. It
 when I was four
 is a dog treat. The reason why I tried
 In case your wondering a beggin strip is a dog treat
 was because it smell like bacon and
 I love bacon. It was ~~unusual and disgusting~~
 really. Its taste was unusual and disgusting.
 But because it didn't taste like bacon in itself
 I ran over to the garbage can and spit it out as fast
 it ~~tasted~~ disgusting. I know now that
 as I could. "Ewww!" I said in disgust.
 I will never try a beggin strip
 ever, not in a million years
 again.

Raeanne's revised draft →

It Smelled Like Bacon



When I was four I tried a Beggin' Strip. In case you're wondering, a Beggin' Strip is a dog treat. The only reason why I tried it was because it smelled like bacon. I thought it would be great because I really love bacon.

Sadly, it didn't taste like bacon. I ran over to the garbage can and spat it out as fast as I could. "Ewww!" I said in disgust. I know now that I will never, ever, not in a million years try a Beggin' Strip again.

Danielle's Rough Draft:

Once my family went to my favorite place in the
 world which is Virginia City. We did all of thier
 ativities. Then we went to the candy shop where
 they have everthing. My sister of ^{course} had to
 pick out the most discusting thing every which
 is bug candy. Thier ^{these} are ant suckers, fly suckers
 and even more discusting things.

Danielle's revised draft →

The Most Disgusting Food Ever



There are a lot disgusting foods but the one gross food I choose was the time my sister ate real bug candy.

Once my family went to my favorite place in the whole world, Virginia City. We did all of their activities. Then we went to the candy store where they have everything. My sister, of course, had to pick out the most disgusting thing ever which is real bug candy. There were ant suckers, fly suckers and even more gross things that she thought were delicious. "Ugh!"

All in all, there are a bunch of gross foods but the one disgusting food I chose was the time my sister ate real bug candy.