

Snowman: The True Story of a Champion

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Harry deLeyer is a man who knows horses. That is why he is so drawn to Snowman when they first meet. Summarize the ways in which Snowman impresses Harry in the first three chapters.

What does Snowman do that makes him a town celebrity and gives Harry the idea to train him to be a jumper?

Harry has his own special, respectful way of training a horse. What is his method? What is it designed to do for a horse?

When Snowman cuts his leg during his first major competition, Harry stays up all night to look after him. What does Harry do for the horse? What does this tell you about his feelings for Snowman?

At first, people didn't believe that Snowman was worthy of their attention. But they soon changed their minds! Explain where Snowman came from (and where he *didn't* come from), and what his accomplishments came to represent for people, according to the author.

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Snowman was an extremely intelligent horse with a big heart and a mind of his own. You might even call him an independent thinker! Imagine you are Snowman. Write a short piece of first-person (or is it "first-horse"?) fiction about Snowman's decision to jump the fence at the doctor's house and get back home to the deLeyers.
