



Bayview High

Striking Distance Chapter 14: The Real Story

Working with Words—Author’s Technique: Cliff-hangers

Authors use a variety of techniques to create suspense in their work. One technique is the use of **cliff-hangers**. Cliff-hangers leave the reader in suspense as if hanging over the edge of a cliff waiting for rescue because they do not find out until the next chapter or next book what will happen next. Read the last paragraph of Chapter Fourteen on page 109. How did the author use a cliff-hanger?

Review the previous five chapters. Did the author use cliff-hangers to create suspense in any of those chapters?
