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Mayor Nate's Replacement - Sequences of Stories

Being mayor was a difficult job for Nate. There were many times he thought, "Why am I still doing this?" Nate's village, though, had a special way to select its mayor.

In Nate's village, the current mayor would select his replacement and take his replacement to see Dragon's Cave when he was twelve years old. This replacement could be the mayor's son or someone else, but Nate's father, who was mayor before him, picked Nate to be his replacement.

On the way up the mountain to the cave, the current mayor would tell the history of the village's dealings with the dragon.

"Your job is to keep the dragon happy. Every village around here makes sure of that. They give up a sheep or cow. It doesn't have to be your best; it just has to fill the dragon's stomach," the mayor would explain.

Every replacement would ask, "What do we get out of it?"

"Well, we don't get eaten." The mayor would look at the boy who was going to end up with the job. "Before the first mayor worked out this deal, once a year the dragon would fly through the village, and if we were lucky, a few of us would survive."

As Nate and his father stood high on the mountain, his father explained that their village was very poor. This would make it difficult to give the dragon the offering, but only the strongest in the village could face the hungry villagers and ask that they make this sacrifice. This had made Nate proud his father has selected him to be mayor. After that, Nate put out the food for the dragon for the first time. When they got down the mountain, Nate was the new mayor.

Whenever Nate wondered why he was still mayor, her thought about why he was selected mayor and it made him feel better.



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PLACE THE EVENTS IN THE CORRECT SEQUENCE BY USING THE NUMBERS 1-6:

_____ Nate's father became mayor.

_____ the first mayor made a deal with the Dragon.

_____ Nate put out food for the dragon..

_____ Nate became mayor of the village.

_____ Nate would feel better when he thought about
becoming mayor.

_____ Nate went to Dragon's Cave with his father for the
first time.