



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

A Story About Patience

Being Patient



Plot and Ideas

The narrative does not incorporate an adequate description of the topic. A conflict is introduced but does not engage the reader ("I had patience when I had to ride in the back seat with my little sister for 4 hours"). The central idea does not build towards a climax and resolution.



Development and Elaboration

This narrative includes details that are not necessary for the development of the plot ("I love the rollercoasters. Which ride do you like best?"), and no dialogue is used. A setting is established, as well as characters, but they do not have sufficient description to carry the storyline.



Organization and Sequencing

The narrative does not contain a clear sequence of events (beginning, middle, end) that support the development of the story. Transitions are not used to signal shifts in setting, and the resolution does not offer closure to the events.



Language and Style

Word choices are not engaging or used to create imagery within the story. The point of view is inconsistent ("Which ride do you like best?"), sentence structure is simplistic and repetitive ("And she wouldnt stop talking and singing the whole time. And my parents let her pick..."), and descriptive language is largely absent.



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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I had patience when I had to ride in the back seat with my little sister for 4 hours. On the way to Six Flags. I love the rollercoasters. Which ride do you like best? Well I had to have a lot of patience because my sister kept annoying me the whole time. She kept asking my dad how much longer it would take. And she wouldnt stop talking and singing the whole time. And my parents let her pick all the music cause she is five so it was Justin Bieber the entire time. I just wanted out and to get there faster. That was the worst. I was mad but made it through.



Notes
