



Developing | Exemplar Essay

A Story About Patience

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Plot and Ideas

The narrative attempts to engage the reader with a plausible plot. A description to introduce the conflict is incorporated ("One time my grandmother asked me to help her with her new computer that she didn't know how to use"). The ideas that are introduced attempt to fulfill the demands of the task, but the narrative does not include a clear climax or resolution.



Development and Elaboration

A setting is introduced in this narrative. Characters are introduced, but not clearly developed enough to enhance the story ("In other words, my grandma had no idea how to do anything on the computer"). Some dialogue is included to develop the plot.



Organization and Sequencing

The narrative includes a loose organizational structure with a beginning, middle, and end. It includes some transitions ("One day," "In other words," and "Next"), but they do not enhance the narrative. Some pacing to support the development of the story is attempted.



Language and Style

The narrative begins to give a voice to the characters of grandma and the narrator ("Now about that Facebook page..."). Some descriptive words are used, but more sensory and figurative language would improve the clarity and style of the narrative.



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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Patience is something most people do not have now a days. I know that I struggle with patience daily, but there was a time where I had to show a lot of patience. One time my grandmother asked me to help her with her new computer that she didn't know how to use. I didn't know what patience was until I had to do this.

One day I was sitting in my room on my phone when my grandma called me. "Hey honey, your pop and me got a new computer and we need your help setting it all up" she said. I told her I'd come right over and help. Once I got there I saw that they hadn't even taken the computer out of the box. That's the first thing I did and I showed my grandma how to plug in all of the cords. "Turn it on" I told her. "I don't know how" she replied back. Wow, I knew this would be a long day. In other words, my grandma had no idea how to do anything on the computer. To top it off, she asked me to make her a Facebook page.

Next, I sat with her and showed her how to use the computer and internet. I felt like I had to go very slow and step by step with her. It was taking so much time and she wasn't getting it at first.

"First, click on the icon" I said.

"Next, go to Google and search for what you want to look at," I added.

"Now, I want you to try it," I told my grandma.

So I turned off the entire computer and had her try it. She turned it on correctly and even got to the internet correctly.

"Now about that Facebook page," she said again.

"Yes grandma, I will help you make a Facebook page" I said back laughing.

Finally, that day I learned to be patient with people, especially family. My grandma doesn't know how to use technology well, and sometimes young people take that for granted. I now know that patience doesn't come easy.



Notes
