



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 (“One time where I showed patience was when I had to ride in the back seat with my little sister”). The central idea does not build towards a climax and resolution.



Development and Elaboration

This narrative has little to no dialogue. It includes details that are not necessary for the development of the narrative (“I love the rollercoasters. Which ride do you like best?”). A setting is established, as well as characters, but they do not have sufficient description to carry the storyline (“she is younger and more spoiled”).



Organization and Sequencing

The narrative does not contain a clear sequence of events (beginning, middle, end) that support the development of the story. One full paragraph is written, but very few transitions are used to enhance the sequence of events (“Well” and “Next”).



Language and Style

The narrative does not include enough descriptive words or figurative language to create imagery within the story. The point of view is established through the narrator (“That experience was being patient because I was annoyed but made it through”), although the writing does not fully engage the reader.



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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Notes

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One time where I showed patience was 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. Are we there yet she kept asking my dad. Next, she wouldnt stop talking at all and my parents kept letting her pick the music because she is younger and more spoiled and basically we listened to Justin Bieber the entire time. I couldn't take anymore and I wanted to get there faster. That experience was being patient because I was annoyed but made it through.