

# Annotated Examples of Student Writing

The following writing collections are from ELLs in grades 2, 3, 5, 8, and high school. The collections, which come from around the state, show how students at the various proficiency levels respond to writing tasks such as narratives, personal descriptions and reflections, and academic writing in mathematics, science, and social studies.

When evaluating the English language proficiency of second language learners, it is important to know how well students communicate about everyday, familiar topics and narrate in detail about past events. It is also important to know how well they handle complex linguistic demands associated with, for example, explaining a scientific or mathematical process, defending a point of view, or writing a reflective piece about an abstract topic. The annotated writing collections in this section will help raters understand how to rate each student in a holistic manner after reading their responses to a variety of writing tasks.

After reviewing the annotated writing collections, training participants will individually practice rating student collections in preparation for the online qualification process.

**Student 1  
Grade 2  
Advanced High**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 1 Grade 2

This student exhibits an advanced high level of second language writing proficiency at the second grade level. This collection contains writing about the student and his or her family as well as writing about science, math, and other school subjects.

In paper 1, the student presents the step-by-step process of planting a seed. The student shows the level of English needed to relate the experiment in a grade-appropriate manner. In the second sample, which is based on a picture stimulus, the student explains the things that are important to have on a camping trip. This paper shows the student's ability to express himself in a manner nearly comparable to native English-speaking peers in terms of clarity and specificity of vocabulary.

Papers 3–6 are reflective pieces about the student and his or her family. In these pieces the student shows the ability to write with clarity and ease about familiar topics. The student also exhibits the ability to use complex sentence structures (He thinks my bike is his bike but I say that it's my bike; my dad some times he takes us walking all the wai home untile the bus comes; we also have a big play groun to play when we finish all our work and test or math or language arts and social studies).

In paper 7, the student is able to communicate his or her goals in social studies using complex sentences (I want to get better at my grades especialy Social studies because I got a bery low grade). In paper 8, the student explains a challenging mathematical concept (rounding to the nearest ten). Although there are some issues with the clarity of the explanation, the type of explanation provided would not be uncommon in native English-speaking peers at the second grade level.

The student's spelling patterns and other writing conventions are consistent with those of second grade peers, with occasional exceptions when the academic demands are high, or low-frequency words are used.

Overall, this writing collection demonstrates the ability of a second language learner who has acquired the English vocabulary and language structures necessary to address second grade writing tasks with minimal support.

## Planting A seed

Lex go to step 1: Get all the dings you need. Firs you need a cup and then soil and a been or a seed and water. dif. ferent kinds of seeds or beens.

Lex go to step 2: Firs you need to have a cup then you need soil. Then you put the soil in the cup and dig a hole in the soil.

Lex go to step 3: Then you dig under and put the seed that you choyst. Then you need to put the soil that you digd where the been is.

Lex go to step 4: Then you put more soil if your been or seed wasent cover all with soil.

Lex go to step 5:

The last thing to do with your been or seed put water in the soil that you had in your cup that seed your name. Then you wait some days for your plant ~~could grow~~ ~~soil~~. Now you now how to grow a plant.

The most important thing is the kids. Because without kids you can't have fun. And you can't do fun things with youst you.

The second most important is a tent. Because without the tent your cold. And the insects could poke you. Or the moskito could poke you to. And your going to have red dots.

The terd important thing is a good place. Were you don't here noices of animals or insects. And a good place to sleep.

The ford most important thing is the marshmellows.

The fith most important thing is a camping fire fore you cold birn the marsh mellows. And eat them.

The last most important thing of all. Eas having fun with all of your friends. And or by your self. And you cold play with your toys.

## All About Me

This is about my family and me.

I have a brother named CARL he is in 4th grade. He thinks my bike is his bike but I say that it's my bike. I also have a sister named RENEE she is in 6th grade. she likes dogs, cats, bunnies, butterflies, birds, fishes, turtles.

RENEE has a friend his name is ERIC. My mom is sweet and pretty she takes care of me. She gives us food to eat. She reminds us of stuff. My dad also takes care of us. In the morning when it's time she takes us to wait for the bus. Some times he takes us to the school. My dad some times he waits until the bus comes. My dad some times he takes us walking all the way home until the bus comes. My dad also is smart.

## All About Me

This is about sports.

I like sports because we  
could practice all day. My  
brother and <sup>CASSIE</sup>

like to play soccer <sup>CASSIE</sup>

thought soccer was boring.

I like tennies more because  
it's like bating. You could  
hit the ball but if the  
ball falls down your  
team lost. The persons  
thet therent lost won the prise.

All about me.

This is about my school.

On schools we have Spelling test on Friday. We also have a big play ground to play when we finish all our work and test or math or language arts and social studies. Then we could go out side and play or jump rounp. Or play with the frisbi. Or play soccer or Bascet ball on til rices finesh.



## All About Me

All about how I look like.

I got black hair brown

eyes I'm a little bit brown

and a lot of white I have

eight years old and I

look a little bit small

and a look to my

friends and my family

cousins and aunts that

I look like a ten

year old but tel them

thet I'm eight not ten.

"I can do it!"

I have three goals.

My first goal is being better at my math homework.

My goal is I want to get better at my grades especially Social studies because I got a very low grade.

If I want to get better at Social studies I have to study.

I have to return my Social studies fast.

And I got to rite or study or read the words

Now you know about my goals

## "Rounding to the Nearest Ten

This is how to round to the nearest ten.

First you make a line. Then you make little lines in the big lane. And put numbers. Then you put erasure in the number lane.

Next put a big H. And a big T. And a big O.

Then think if it is a low 4. Or a high 5. Then you could under line it.

~~187~~ → 200

Now you know how to round.

**Student 2**  
**Grade 3**  
**Beginning**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 2 Grade 3

This student exhibits a beginning level of second language writing proficiency in English.

His collection contains five writing assignments on a number of topics covering a variety of academic subject areas. Overall, the student shows little or no ability to address grade-appropriate writing tasks meaningfully.

Throughout the collection, the student's lack of English vocabulary and English language structures significantly hinder his ability to communicate in English. The student shows that he knows some recently practiced, high-frequency words and phrases, but he does not yet know enough English to connect ideas and convey them in short, simple sentences. The student frequently uses his primary language to express himself and relies on the phonetics of his primary language to spell even very common English words (may for "my," leero for "little," da for "the"). Even individuals accustomed to the writing of ELLs are unable to understand much of what he tries to communicate.

The writing features demonstrated by this student are consistent with the beginning stages of second language acquisition.

Student 2  
Grade 3  
Paper 1

Four Dollars and Fifty cents  
H Wey Cond Wy du Fordo Four  
Dollars and Fifty cents is Cond  
not is can for may dad is can  
May

Student 2  
Grade 3  
Paper 2

Third leero Piggis to da Lirro Piggis  
is can doo Lobo is can for to  
is can for da hose for da Lirro  
Piggis is can duet have for  
do Lobo is can anar corriendo  
Faster para que el lobo no los  
agare der to 3 Piggis is can  
construir van hase cada one  
para que no lo agare one Pigs  
I can duet your hose four to  
strea anda otro live pig is can  
duet to leña And to Lirro one  
pig is can duet four da  
ladrillo.

Student 2  
Grade 3  
Paper 3

IF I Won a \$ 1,000,000

I would My lot of ropa hand  
Swimming Pool and A Car Buy  
a Car for My Sister And My  
Vacaçioness A Car good Four  
Mexico Parque Aya esta My dad And My  
Mom Aan may sisters and A Car  
Comprar ropa for My sisters and Casas  
Para the house And My radio Par My house  
And Ay bought 4 baicass Para nosotros  
nomas H Car bought Chacira and  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_



# Rounding

Rounding My Rounding is can and why  
did My Rounding is can do for  
My Rounding is to give a for con  
My Rounding is for can may skill  
is can do for My Rounding for and  
My TAKS.

C. Columbus

For Cristóbal Colón  
is Cristóbal Colón for the ship  
and to the ship and Cristóbal Colón  
for the ship and for C. Columbus  
is Cristóbal Colón is Cristóbal Colón  
for the ship and todos salieron corriendo  
para ~~para~~ el barco que no se  
cayó y que lo botaron.

**Student 3  
Grade 5  
Intermediate**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 3 Grade 5

This student exhibits an intermediate level of second language writing proficiency. She is able to convey original messages in sentences and use simple, high-frequency English to write about familiar topics.

This student has enough grasp of English vocabulary and language structures to convey her ideas in writing, although frequent second language acquisition features are present. Her writing is characterized by use of primary language phonetics to spell English words, which may make some of her writing hard to understand for individuals not accustomed to ELL writing. She frequently uses present tense when attempting to narrate about past events (paper 1). Additionally, in papers 3 and 4 her writing is repetitious in places, which often occurs when ELLs lack the English vocabulary and facility with language structures to develop and express ideas in detail. These features typify the intermediate stage of second language writing proficiency.

While this student's heavy reliance on primary language spelling patterns is indicative of the early intermediate stage of English writing development, there is evidence of oral communication skills that may be beyond the early intermediate stage. This student clearly has more than little or no ability to address grade-appropriate writing tasks in English, so she is beyond the beginning level of writing proficiency. Overall, her writing is consistent with the intermediate level. Her reliance on primary language spelling patterns and other second language acquisition features cause her to engage in grade-appropriate writing tasks in a limited way.

Wath I do on the weekend

On the satuday I wen  
to mr.gattis weth may  
Frend shis  
a rily nais gril. wy teilk  
som mony (\$30.) then  
wy it som Pizza, salet,  
apples and meny mor fuel.  
after wy finish to id wy  
went to the games  
wy play a lat 1 game  
I playet lake mor tath  
4 sams because I was  
winig a lat of tickets.  
wen wy finish and get  
tahr wy get som presens.  
Den may frend tomy  
IF wy go to sheilant  
I sed ok and wy wen  
igus fon the satuday  
because I went to a lat  
a pleices

## How I Use "FAST"

The first letter for FAST is F. F for Facts, we do for the F: Read Problem twice, Circle important facts, underline the question and take out information you don't need. As the first that we have to do for Facts. The second step is A for Action, for action we do Draw a picture and write the action. After the next letter is S for solve that is the third letter for FAST and we do solve or figure out the problem and use a strategy. The final letter is T for Think we do, explain your work in words and sentences, write a number sentence and other number sentences and why is it reasonable? And when we use FAST is when we do a problem.

Student 3  
Grade 5  
Paper 2, continued

that is I like langr. That  
wen wy do fast next on  
to chart problems.

"Das how wy yus FAST"

F= Facts

A= Action

S= solve

T= Think

Wat I like and I don't like  
for science

The first thing I don't like for science is that we have to read and read of something. Like today we make some questions and we have to read the answer. And sometimes I don't know the answer that's why I don't like. Sometimes I like science because we do some project of plants, planets, fossils and electricity that's why I like of science. But I still don't like science that's not my favorite subject from the school. I don't like science but like I said I like sometimes that's when we do some project on the science lab. When I go to the lab it's fun because we do some projects.



My Family is especho

My Family For My is  
samtig especho because  
day have gifmi life and  
meny tigs mor. Bot the  
Frist tig is that I Love  
dem an deiar samtig es-  
pecho For my dei ar mor  
tat Fader and mader dei  
ar laik my BEST Friends  
FOR EVER. My brother's to  
dey may Family and  
I Love dem too. My  
Family and My wll never  
get mad bot if dey get  
mad I stil love My Family  
ies't sed dat My Family  
I'st mor that Family +  
can sed wat dey ar  
because I Love dem.  
("I LOVE MY FAMILY" !▲)  
and deian naic weth  
mi and my brothers. And  
I want to telem tenkiu  
For givinmy laif.

How I get red for school

The first thing I do is  
wake up at 6:00 am then  
after I wake up, I wash  
my face. Then I get dressed  
I find the jeans and the  
T-shirt of WWI, then  
I put on my jeans, my  
T-shirt and my shoes.  
When I put on my  
clothes and my shoes, I  
brush my hair and get  
ready and my carpet  
put on my tie, my belt  
for my brother get ready  
and come to the school.  
Then I go to the cafeteria  
and I get some breakfast and  
come to the classroom.  
That's how I get ready.

**Student 4**  
**Grade 8**  
**Intermediate**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 4 Grade 8

This student displays an intermediate level of second language writing proficiency. While the student produces a considerable amount of writing, the writing is characterized by frequent primary language features and errors associated with second language acquisition.

In papers 1 and 2, the student draws upon vocabulary from mathematics and science lessons to attempt to engage in the writing tasks. The use of content area resources may make it appear that a student knows more English than is actually the case. In both papers, the student restates steps followed in math or science assignments and does so with accurate spelling and clear organization. The student's ability to express original ideas is limited, however, and primary language features (method scientific, importants investigations, verificate) and phrasing (Today in the math class, After of did, To do an investigation is necessary make the steps) are indicative of literal translating.

In papers 3 and 4, the student describes himself, a friend, and a picture of relatives. In both samples, the student demonstrates the ability to write in an original way using high-frequency English vocabulary and short, simple sentences, though primary language features and grammatical inaccuracies are frequent (my eyes are...big; mys tooths are small; in their back are a table and a sofa and a mallet in the table). The student's difficulty with English prepositions may impede meaning for individuals not accustomed to working with English language learners.

In paper 5, the student writes a personal narrative about accidentally going to school on Saturday. The student's grasp of basic tenses and basic grammar construction is emerging but still quite inconsistent (I went to the school but my calendar mark Saturday, I get up and I don't knew, beginning to laughed of my), which is characteristic of the intermediate stage of second language development. Note that high-frequency past tense verbs such as "was" and "were" are easily memorized and don't necessarily show an ELL's overall grasp of past tense constructions. In addition, in papers 3 through 5, the student's writing is loosely connected with limited and repetitive cohesive devices (and, because).

Overall, the student demonstrates the ability to address grade-appropriate writing tasks in a limited way. The student is able to write on familiar topics using short, simple sentences characterized by frequent features of second language development.

Today in the math class we did many graph of equations in the coordinate plane, the class was very good because the teacher knows how explain the math problems for the students can understand about the steps to do the problems.

The steps to do or resolving the graphs of equation are the following:

- 1: Assigns values of your choice to the incognite "X",
- 2: Put in one side of the equation the number and in the other one the variables.
- 3: After of did the second step, Do same with the  
Next

To do an investigation is necessary, make the steps of the method scientific, it are the following:

The first step is the observation, in this step you have to analyze the things to investigate, and you have to do a list with the most important investigations. The second step is the analysis of the information collected in the last step.

The third step is the Inquiry (consultation), that is find the information about the theme or topic to study or investigate, in many sources of information, like books, encyclopedias, inclusively in many newspaper or in tv programs about the theme.

The fourth step is the verification or confirmation, that is with the answer of the last step check the information and verificate if the answers or results are correct,

The fifth step is make conclusions about the theme investigated and after make a written document with the find information and explain the investigation in detail.

I am — and my height is 5'6", and I have 15 years old, my hair is black and short, my face big and my eyes are dark brown and are big, my nose is very big and, my mouth is little big, I have a mole in my face in the right side, I am thin and tall, my skin color is brunette and my eyelash is short and my eyebrows are bushy and I have a little mustache and and my teeth are small,

My friend are different because his height are 5'3" and I am taller than he and he has the eyes bigger than I and her hair is equal or same than the my, and he is fat and I am thin, other difference are the skin color his color is white and I am brunette, my friend has his hair curly and I have straight hair, his nose is better than my nose and my mouth is better than his mouth,

We have many alike and many differences maybe I don't write all descriptions.

In this picture are two childrens a boy and a girl. they are my niece and my nephew, my niece's name is — and my nephew's name's is — and they lives in California the are in a living room and in their back are a table and a sofa and a mallet in the table, in the wall are two pictures and, they're hugging each other and they're taking fourt ballooms (gloves). my niece are wearing a blue dress with a red strap in the waist, my nephew are wearing Withe Shirt and black pants,

In other picture are two childrens too. and similiar at the previous picture, In this picture are two girls and in the previous are only a girl and a boy, they're hunging each other and in they's back are the flag of the United States of America, only.



A day in my native country I went to the school but my calendar mark Saturday and I don't know. ~~the~~ the Saturday in the morning the alarm was P, P, P, P, and I get up and went to the bath to clean my tooth and to comb my hair and I take my backpack and I was wearing my uniform (clothes to go to school). and I went to school, the morning was very cool and my school starts at 8:00 am but I came at 7:50, and I was being outside of the school because it is closed, I was there 120 minutes and, I had very much cold. after 5 minutes, I knew was Saturday and I went back to my house with much shame and a friend said me " — are silly because he went to school on Saturday" and every the people who was there beginning to laughed of my because I went to school on Saturday.

**Student 5  
High School  
Advanced**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 5 High School

This student displays an advanced level of second language writing proficiency. He shows enough English vocabulary and command of English language structures to address grade-appropriate writing tasks with second language acquisition support.

The student writes about a variety of academic topics with emerging grade-appropriate vocabulary and an overall grasp of English language structures, though there are more than minor or infrequent second language acquisition errors.

This student's collection may be rated too high or too low by individuals who do not adhere to the PLDs in the rating process. Focusing too narrowly on inaccuracies related to verb use and other grammar features may sway a person toward a rating that is too low. On the other hand, being impressed by this student's thoughtful ideas, organizational skills, and academic tone may suggest good academic preparation, which may sway a person toward a rating that is too high.

This student is clearly beyond the intermediate level because he is not limited in his ability to fulfill grade-appropriate writing tasks. He has not yet reached the advanced high level, though, because his writing does not yet show the need for only minimal second language acquisition support.

This student fits the advanced level profile. He is able to address grade-appropriate writing tasks but still needs ongoing specialized instruction to address his second language acquisition needs.

I still remember 4 years ago when I was in Thailand. My life was perfect like I always wanted. I had a lot of fun and lots of friends. I spend more time with my family. Almost every weekend we go travel to many different places. We had a big house which located in the big city. If I have to choose between Thailand and here, I would choose to live in Thailand.

When I was in Thailand my personality was better than right now. I had lots of friends because I am a funny person and a nice guy. My grades are not that bad, I even have time to play soccer and hang out with my guy friends. But I never forget that my family always comes first. So basically all that good things rarely happened to me again after I came to United State.

I really do believe that time did change people and also the way they through. As I came to United State the way I think is different from when I was in Thailand. It could be that I get older. But my through about my family and friends is still the same. Now I am thinking more like adult. Sometimes I felt like my fun's life is over. But when I think about my future and what I am going to be. I think every thing that I had done is worth it.

However I hoping to go back to Thailand again soon. Before its too late because times does not wait for anyone. There are a lot more people that I had to take care of them before I will never see them again. Also I hoping all the good life in Thailand would happened to me again soon.

### Mother

My mother's name is \_\_\_\_\_ . Everyone in my family called her Mae which mean mother in Thai. My mother is the best woman in my life and I love her a lot. She doesn't speak English that well, but she could understand some of it. My mother is not that tall, she has black and long hair. Also she is very good at cooking. I think the reason why she has lots of friends because she is a nice person and never say bad thing about other people.

I remember one time I was sick and mother was sick too. I think she got the disease from me because I was sick first. She has to taking care of me for a whole week while she was sick. It ~~doesn't~~<sup>doesn't</sup> seems like she care about herself. That made me feels like I have to get better, so I could take care of her. This is one of the reason why I love her so much.

However I love my mother very much and I would continue doing that. Time cannot change me after everything that I had been ~~through~~ ~~that~~ though. My mother is the best woman in my life. I wish I can stay with my mother ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> my family forever.

Do you regard dropping out of school as a catastrophe? or do you believe it's something every student has a right to do? take a position and support your point of view.

I do regard dropping out of school as a catastrophe. Dropping out is bad idea for long term and short term. In order to get a job, you will need to at least finish high school. Many people who did not finish high school face many problems in later life. Many of them wish to go back and study, but some how it was too late. I ~~believe~~ believe that undecated person cannot live in the life of comfort. Undecated person would have problems when they have a family to take care. Most of them wish that ~~they~~ they did not dropp out, because life is not easy like they thought.

Students drop out for many different reasons, some of them has to get out to help their families. Some of them get out because they thought they could make more money then stay in school. I believe all there reasons are wrong because the amount of money that they make could not help them to ~~survive~~ <sup>survive</sup> later on. People needs a job that they could stay with it for long time and get good paid.

However I will not drop out for what ever reason unless I become extremely rich and famous which hardly possible. So today I will do my best to stay in school, so that I can achieve my goal. I will take the people who drop out as a bad example, so that I could remind myself not to drop out. I hope my life would be better after I finish college.

### Peter the Great

Peter the Great is the absolute monarch. One of the reasons Peter the Great absolute monarch is that he introduced the potatoe to Russia. Potatoe's have carbohydrate which give you energy that can make you survive in cold weathers. Potatoe's can practically be grown anywhere and they good source of anyone who has them. Peter the Great was the first to create newspaper to help people get informed with what's going on around them. He adopted many ideas from Western Europe. Peter has the knowledge of science and maths for military success, which make a stronger and heavier army. Because of these facts Peter the Great is one of the best Monarchs and ruled his nation strong.

## Women In Politics Madam President

A woman for president! Describe in an editorial why this is a necessary or not necessary step in American politics. What effects will it have? (3 parag)

It is necessary for women to step in American politics to be a president. Because we always has men do big things. So its time for women to step in and do big things. We always say that men and women has the same rights. So why not let women be a president. I think women can work hard like men because we are human. They just need to put their mind in to it.

Every where in the world people believe that men are stronger than women. but that is only ~~because~~ because men's physical are bigger. ~~So~~ Many things can be done success with out require your physical. As long as they can use their brain, anything could be done. In these day we can see that many women did successful in their life. So they have prove that they can do anything like men. So women has to keep working, so men can put more trust on women. So in future we ~~can~~ can see women working in American politics or be a president.

However I am sure that women can work just like men or even better. We just need to open our mind so that we can see better things and new things in our life. When we stick with old thing, we will not ~~get~~ get new things. Soon or later we will see a women as a president. When people has open mind.



Science is important because.

Science is a method for studying the natural world. The main categories that science covers are Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth Science. All the three categories are cover everything around us. Which helps discover our life, the world, and many more. Today science helps with technology. Technology is now became a part of our life, ~~the time~~ <sup>Most of</sup> we use electricity, medicine, radio, and more. All these things made our life easy.

Every day we use light so we can see. We turn watch television for fun. We talk to friend by phone. All these thing require electricity in order to use it. So electricity is one of the most important thing in our life.

Medicine are also very important in our life. Medicine are a substance that are used in treating disease. It would help you a lot if you take it. Because of science ~~go~~ we have medicine.

Science is very useful when it comes to prediction. Scientist can predict can predict the weather or even whats going to happen to the world in future. Which helps prepare for the future. Long time ago we lose many life from natural disaster. So ~~is~~ because of high technology can really many of us.

However life would be very if we do not have science. We might do many bad thing to our slave that we do not know. But because science, we gets to get healthy and life longer if we know more about how to protect our slave. So this is why science are very important today.

**Student 6  
High School  
Advanced High**

# ANNOTATION

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## Student 6 High School

This student exhibits an advanced high level of second language writing proficiency. The student's writing shows his ability to address grade-appropriate writing tasks with minimal second language acquisition support.

The collection demonstrates writing that is nearly comparable to the writing of native English-speaking peers, although there are some instances of unnaturalness and awkward expression. The student makes some errors associated with second language acquisition, but the errors are minor and primarily limited to low-frequency words and structures, and the errors rarely interfere with communication.

Consistent with the advanced high level PLDs, the student shows an ability to express himself with clarity and specificity, with occasional exceptions when he writes about academically complex or abstract ideas. The quality of this writing and the precision of expression decline somewhat in the science and math samples.

Overall, the student is able to use English to express ideas and carry out grade-appropriate writing assignments on a variety of academic topics with minimal second language acquisition support. This student demonstrates the level of English proficiency needed to enable him to participate in editing activities to refine areas of awkwardness and to improve writing skills related more to academic achievement than second language acquisition.

## What is important to me?

I'm going to tell you what is important to me. The most important thing to me is my family because without them I wouldn't have the things that I have right now like a house, car, clothes and wealth. They're always there for me whenever I have a problem they help me and support me in everything I do. Like when ~~when~~ I had two broken ankles they feed me, they took care of me and they also took me to the doctor. I like it when my Uncle or my dad make a party and the whole family gets together and have fun. I enjoyed that because you never know when it's going to be the last time to ~~that you~~ see them and share your thoughts with them. The thing that I most like is that they always give you ideas and explanations of any questions you have so I don't even want to think what I will do without them.

The things that I most like to do in a science class are experiments because it's just fun to learn about new things. My favorite experiment was one about the pennies turning them gold, I thought it was cool because it seems that they were really gold plus they were shiny. Therefore experiments are interesting and anxiety because you never know what's going to happen and I also like the one about the bubbles filled with gas then you burn them with the matches and you see the flames flowing on the air then they vanished. The other thing I like about a science class is that you learn new things about technology and all that stuff that may help you when you go to college or maybe one day with all the information that you learn about science you can

Student 6  
High School  
Paper 2, continued

make something up like  
a cure for some diseases  
right now that're killing  
people or maybe be a  
teacher.

When I was in Mexico over the summer there was this 5K run which was weird because normally you don't expect to be marathons or running events in Mexico so I decided to sign up. The race was two weeks ahead so I started practicing morning and night and the race was approaching day by day I was so anxiety because I never had experience or should I say ran a 5K race in Mexico so I didn't know what to expect all I know was that the course was going to be easy. So the day arrived, the race was going to start at 7:00 am so I woke up at 6:00 am I started stretching and warming up and drinking a lot of fluids so we took off like about 6:30 am and at the moment that we were arriving ~~over~~ the I saw a bunch of runners so I thought this is going to be hard so ~~they~~ the people that sponsored the race gave me a number it was 222.

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Everybody was waiting for the person to shoot the gun, so ~~we saw the per-~~  
~~son~~ So a person was telling us the instructions and as soonest he finished saying the instructions he shot the gun, so I took off really fast without getting tired I was like in 5<sup>th</sup> place while I was running in the middle of the 2 mile mark, there were some pretty good ~~competitors~~ runners so at the last 200 meters I freaking started sprinting I couldn't feel my legs and I passed one guy so I got 4<sup>th</sup>. And I was proud of myself because I was only 15 years old and everybody was like 20 and up so my dad told me that he was proud of me and took me out to eat.



Something that I learned in history was about the Holocaust. That was the thing that got more into me because it explains how Hitler which was the leader hated the Jews because their race was inferior than theirs. So he made this plan called Anti-Semitism or something like that which they got rid of the Jews. They had these concentration camps were the thought that they were going to take a shower but it wasn't it was gas and some other chemicals that killed them. Approximately about one million children were killed. So everything related with the Holocaust was sad and wrong. But still today people remember this.

How to simplify  $3(x+2y)+5(2x-y)+4y$

Well first of all you multiply 3 for x and 2y then ~~you~~ the answer put it on the bottom of the equation. Then on the other side you do the same thing multiply 5 for 2x and then for y. Then bring it to the bottom and also bring the plus and 4y. Then you put the pairs together for example all the x's with the numbers that have the x and all the y's with the numbers that have the y. Then after that you add the pairs and the answers of both of them bring them to the bottom with the plus sign.