New England Common Assessment Program

Student Work Samples 2006

Grade 5

Writing

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So since it was so dark in the north a fox disided that it was time to get light up here. She heard there was so much light in the South. Alone, the fox started on her journey to the South. When she would come across a pond or river she would ask "Do you know which way the south is?" The animals pointed in the same direction each time, and the fox noticed the more she went South the more light there was. When she came to the brightest part she stopped she had heard a noise above her. She looked up and sow a raven in a tree above her. The Raven flew down. "What can I do for you, miss."

The fox was very sly and said "You can fly high and reach the light, right?

"Yes" said the bird and got the light. When the bird showed her she grabbed some of the light. When she got back the North had light!

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The animals gathered up leaves, fallen trees, and tree bark. They had two cheetas go look for two special rocks. The animals rubbed the stones together to make a spark. Which caught the leaves on fire. Then the leaves caught the bark on fire, which caught the fallen trees on fire. Then a huge gust of wind came and blew the raging fire high up into the sky which gave them light. Now they can see if they're going to fall into a hole or bump into some other animal.

⓫ The animals went to talk to the stars, one in particular. The stars name was Sun. The animals told the Sun what was happening and they Sun said he had a plan. The next day it was bright, clear, and sunny. The Sun said "I give you all the light you need". And that's what he did and is still doing. the End.

⓫ So the animals kept on stumbeling and made sporks and made a fire so they could see.

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I think that, that invention has improved the foods we eat! I think this because now people eat healthier foods, and not foods that may be dirty by the soil, or half eaten by the crows! Now we have foods that we can store in the freezer, or cook on the stove. The foods last more now because we have a freezer that can store foods, or cool them down so the foods don't spoil. In the writting it says, "Everything stayed fresher. It cooked faster. It tasted better." They are right gragauxly every food became eaisyer to keep, cook, and taseted much, much, much, better! I defently think the inventions have improved the food we eat.

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I think inventions have changed the way we eat, because we don't have to pickle the meat anymore. The inventions have changed the way we cook, it takes a lot less effort. We don't have to start a fire and wait for it to heat up. The inventions also helped us keep food cold. We don't have to worry about the ice melting anymore. All we have to do is plug in the refrigerator, instead of waiting for the ice man to come. Thanks to the inventors we don't have to worry.

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I think that they have improved because we can freeze food so that it won't go bad and an oven is safer than an open fire because if there are little kids around they could touch it and get hurt. Also people can go buy food now so they don't have to grow it.

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I do think inventions have improved the foods we eat.

⓬ They invented lots of things like potatoes, vegetables and cake.

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New Hampshire's climate can go from 100 degrees in the summer to -10 degrees in the winter. It gives you a bit of everything from warm to cold to chilly to even down right hot! It also changes a lot because of where you are (if you are in the south or north). You can travel just 3 miles and it might get warmer or cooler. It is a fairly small state. Normally the winters are around 0 to 32 degrees. The summers are around 62 to 90 degrees. You can have a pool in the summer and a hockey rink in the winter. Some people preffer one or the other. But most people are pretty ok with it.

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The climate in Providence, Rhode Island is cold in the winter. Our body gets cold, feet shiver like ice, and you'll have to put the heat on. In the summer the climate is hot, Hot, hot, hot. We get in the pool with nice cool water, wear shorts, and even turn on the A.C. In the Fall leaves are everywhere, we jumped on it, we play around, and it would still be cold. In Spring its a nice season. Bira chirp, grass will grow, and it's just the right Climate.

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New Hampshire can get to below 0° temperatures, but it can also get to 100° temperatures. When it rains we get not even a centimeter. When it snows we get about a foot or two. Thats the climate of New Hampshire.

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The climate in Vormont is cold and hot. In the sumer it can git reley hot. But in the winter it can git reley cold.

⓭ We will have a lot of water for poeple can drank to live and at my house we drank alot of water in my house we love water.

14 To see who had stolen the cottage keys.

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Mr. Whisper (the blue macaw) likes to pick things up and then drop them. Also, the mom was the first one to notice that it was gone.

16 To find the keys. In addition to that, I think Mr. Whisper did it.

⓱ I think Mr. Whisper stole the keys! First of all, (in real life,) some birds are attracted to shiny and\or metal objects. Most keys are shiny, and they could be metal. Secondly, Mr. Whisper picks up and drops everything he sees when he's mad and upset. He probably could of spotted the cottage key, picked it up, and dropped it somewhere where nobody could find it. Anyways, the mother couldn't have done it. She couldn't have done it because she's the only person who is really worried about it. The mother even said that. She needs those keys. She can't get in the cottage without them! Also, the kid was trying to get Mr. Whisper into his cage. So, of course that leaves silly old Mr. Whisper for the theif of the missing cottage keys. Thirdly, Mr. Whisper, and other birds can be very tricky, sneaky, and slick sometimes. Maybe, Mr. Whisper picked up the key and put it in his cage, under the newspaper. (Birds aren't stupid, but

the also aren't too smart. They keep lots of things in their cages.) When Mr. Whisper looked up from his cage, and started telephone-ringing, he might have slipped the cottage key under the shredded newspaper there. He might have done that, because he could of known that his owners (the mom and the kid,) would get distracted. (And think that the real telephone is ringing. Last but not least, Mr. Whisper, (the blue macaw,) couldn't have known the cottage key was important. Like I said before, since most birds are attracted to shiny objects, you never know what else could be lying around in Mr. Whisper's cage! So, that's why I think Mr. Whisper is the Cottage key caper.

14 I believe that the blue macaw was causing the problem because he was upset and furious

⓯ He is upset because of all the commotion and he is furious because he had to be put in his cage.

16 So,as you can see,the blue macaw was causing the problem.

⓱ Have you ever heard of a bird who makes a lot of mischief? I have. The bird was a blue macaw named Mr. Whisper. He causes a lot of problems. In the story 'The Cottage-Key Caper' I have proofe that he hid the cottage keys. He causes the problems because he was upset and furious.

The first emotion he felt was upset. He felt upset because the family he was owned by had a lot of commotion because they were going on vacation. He flew all over the house because he was upset. "When he's upset, he picks up and drops everything he sees." He picked up paper clips and dropped them, he picked up a baby mirror and dropped it, and he picked up a spoon and dropped it in one of the bags. You could tell he was upset!

The second emotion Mr. Whisper felt was furiousity. He felt furiosity when he was put in his cage. "When I shut the door he scrabbles up the bars, babbling furiously." After he

ran up the bars, he tore up some newspaper that was on the ground of his cage. I guess Mr. Whisper can get really furious!

So as you can see, the blue macaw was causing the problems all along. He hid the keys and he was being miserable.

14 The focus controlling idea of my opoin would be the keys

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I think it would be the parrot because he was probobly the one who picked up the keys then he probly droped them. The keys could have been under paper, or a bag.

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I think by reading my work over, it would probaly the parrots falt.

⓱ Well I think that the parrot caused all of the probolems because he was the one disstracting the mom and the boys. When the parrot flew out of his cage, the boy had to waste his time of packing and go catch the bird. The boys mother may have thought that the parrot had come and took the keys. In the story they did say that the bird would pick things up and drops them, So that could have happened.

Also the keys were the problem to. If the mom had not put the keys out on the table, the bird would not have the chance of picking them up and dropping them some were else.

Maybe they should have let the bird out, maybe he could find the missing keys (then toss them some were). Or maybe they could just go and ask for more keys at the lobby or somthings. I still think that the parrot was the main problem. He was the one making the funny sounds.

14 I beliv that the Parrot coused the problem

⓯ I think I know that the Parrot caused the problem because he was hungry. I have Proofe, when the Parrot shried "Give me a peck of pickled peppers." pickled Peppers are a food, I think

16 I acctyally Know that the parrot is causing the problem if you have a parrot, does cause problems

⑰ I just compleated a story called, The Cottage-Key Caper, and It's about backing stuff for the island house, but a problem happens... A bad problem. The island house's key is missing! It's ether the Macaw, Mr. Whisper, the boy, or the mom.

First of all, I believe that the blue Macaw, Mr. Whisper caused the bad, bad problem.

Second of all, I actually know that Mr. Whisper caused the problem he was hungry. I have proofe, when the Macaw shreiked, "Give me a peck of pickeled peppers!" Pickeled peppers are a food they have ... I think, and when the blue Macaw gets mad he destroys everything.

Third of all, I gave you proof of why the Macow caused the problem. If you have a parrot, or a Macow does he cause problems?

14 I think the bird did it

⓯ the bird was flying all over the place and maybe it nocked the keys off the table or he could of took them.

16 They are going to let the bird out and find the Keys in the cage.

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I think the bird could of did it because the bird was flying around so it could of swoped down and picked it up and keeped it in his cage. Also what could of happend is when everything is flying around somthing could of hit it and nocked it off the table. Another thing is they could of put it in their bag on accedent. Or maybe the kid took it and wanted to go there faster so he took it and put it in his mothers bag so his mother dident have to do as much, so he probely though he was doing somthing nice, but he was just making his mom more agervated.

That's what I think happend to the keys.

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The ~~focos~~ controlling idea of my respones is the bird is giving them a bit of ~~a~~ Trouble.

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The supporting details to my response are the bird is causing problems.

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The conclusion to my response is that the wind will stop.

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I think in the story the Blue Macaw Mr Wisper was causing all the trouble because he is flying around knocking things over and getting in the way.

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