

Student Work

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Notes

The following is the initial beginning-year composition produced by one of my 6th grade students. Like all language arts teachers, I have my students compose a narrative so I can analyze their needs as a writer.

The student who produced this showed excellent potential. My initial thought was that she just didn't have a grasp of *creating a story*, rather she only wrote about *what had happened*.

A few months later, after some writing instruction, the student produced the narrative on the following page. The writer's ability should be evident.

***All student work is identical to what the student wrote, so any mistakes are those of the student.

One of the best days of my life was when I went canoing with my dad and uncle. We went canueing on the james river, we often found rocks in the middle of the river to fish off of. We didn't catch many fish, but we did see two alligator gars. The looked like a shark and alligator put together. It was brown with black spots.

I found the hardest about canueing with two other people is keeping your balance. That was hard for me because I was sitting in the middle on a cooler. The funniest thing that happened was when my uncle was fishing. That was funny because be casted and his lure got stuck. When my uncle tried to get it unstuck, he pulled it to hard and the poll broke. It wasn't that funny to him because that was his favorte poll.

Other than that we had a good time. That was one of the best days I've ever had. The reason why I think that is because I got to spend time with my dad and uncle. Also because my uncle lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and I never get to see him. So, for me that was a great day and I can't wait to do it again.